

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Same Old Note

THE American hydrogen bomb tests have aroused, certainly throughout the free world, probably also in the Communist world, a renewed sense of urgency in the matter of disarmament and the prevention of atomic or thermonuclear warfare. And this has coincided with the move by the Western powers to get a resumption of the work of the United Nations Disarmament Commission. The meeting of the Commission, the first for 18 months, has come, as Mr Cabot Lodge, the American delegate, has said, "at a moment when the whole world is gripped by the knowledge that new dimensions have been added to the dangers of the atomic age." Nevertheless, neither the request of the British, French and American governments for a meeting of the Commission, nor the British proposal for the creation of a five-power sub-committee, was the result of the shock of hydrogen bomb tests. It is the outcome of a move in which the first step was taken by the United Kingdom and its allies last autumn. That was a resolution sponsored by 54 powers, and approved by 54 votes to nil, although it is noteworthy that the 54 did not include the Soviet Union and its associates. The idea of the resolution was twofold: the Disarmament Commission was to resume work, and at the same time a suggestion was made for a procedure which might give an opportunity for breaking the deadlock, existing between the Soviet group and the majority, which had for so long stultified the Commission's work. It was that a small sub-committee of powers principally involved should meet in private and try to agree on a solution of the problems of the prevention of atomic warfare.

DESPITE careful drafting which excluded all reference to controversial matters, the hope that the resolution might find unanimous approval was disappointed. Mr Vyshinsky first introduced a whole series of highly controversial amendments, reviving all the issues which had divided the Disarmament Commission. And when all these were rejected, he announced that the Soviet Union and its allies would abstain from voting on the resolution itself. Since then, however, President Eisenhower's proposals for the pooling of atomic resources for peaceful purposes, and the revelation of the appalling power of the hydrogen bomb, have encouraged new hopes that the Soviets would show a change of attitude to the whole question of controlling atomic weapons. It is, perhaps, too soon to write off this expectation as another pipe dream, yet it must be confessed that Mr Vyshinsky's rejection yesterday of the British proposal for a five-power sub-committee was, to say the least, disheartening. The Soviet delegate would not go so far as to declare that he intended to boycott the sub-committee, but his somewhat petulant dismissal of the proposal when it was put to the vote can fairly be taken as a sign that Mr Vyshinsky, if he does attend the sub-committee meetings, will do so in a mood of obstruction, rather than co-operation. The Soviet delegate yesterday made great play of his claim that Russia possessed the H-bomb, and the impression he left was that the Kremlin was more interested in having at its disposal this destructive device than in trying to reach an agreement with the other great powers in the control and eventual abolition of such fearful war weapons.

GENEVA TALKS

Dulles Makes The Position Quite Clear

NOT A BIG 5 MEETING

Washington, Apr. 20. The Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, tonight served notice on the Soviet Union that the United States would not agree to Red China attending the Geneva conference as one of the "Big Five" powers but merely as another of the interested States.

In a statement released upon his departure for Paris, where he will attend a NATO Council meeting before going on to Geneva, Mr Dulles also said that the Far East conference was "not to discuss international problems generally" but must be confined to Korea and Indo-China.

Asserting that the Communists in Indo-China "have expended their manpower in reckless assaults apparently designed to improve their bargaining position at Geneva," Mr Dulles said, "It is tragic that war should be used and the lives of so many tens of thousands should be sacrificed as an instrument of political policy."

The Secretary of State recalled that the Berlin agreement on holding the Geneva conference "expressly stipulated that neither the invitation to nor the holding of the conference, should imply diplomatic recognition where it is not already accorded" and re-emphasised, "The conference does not imply our diplomatic recognition of Communist China."

He added, however, "There is some evidence that the Soviet Union may attempt to make the Geneva conference something other than what had been agreed upon at Berlin."

Mr Dulles said that Communist actions and their intensification of action in Indo-China were "not a good prelude to Geneva." "Nevertheless, we shall not be discouraged nor shall we grow weary in our search for peace."

TEXT OF STATEMENT

The text of Mr Dulles' statement reads:

"I am leaving for Paris where there is a meeting of the NATO Council on Friday. On Saturday I shall go on to Geneva for the conference on Korea and Indo-China. This conference has been called pursuant to the Berlin agreement of the Foreign Ministers of the United States, France, the United Kingdom and the Soviet Union. "It is important to bear in mind what this Geneva conference is and what it is not. "The first stated subject of the conference is the establishment by peaceful means of a united and independent Korea. "Twenty diplomats have been invited to meet at Geneva to deal with this topic. "The other subject to be discussed is the 'problem of restoring peace in Indo-China.' So far there has been no determination of the interested States which will be invited for this phase of the conference. "That is what the Geneva conference is. There are some things it is not. It is not a 'Big Five' conference. The Soviet Union tried to make it that, but gave way before the combined opposition of France, Great Britain and the United States. "The conference is not to discuss international problems generally. This was sought by the Soviet Union. But that concept was rejected in the face of the opposition of the three Western powers."

NO RECOGNITION "The conference does not imply our diplomatic recognition of Communist China. On the contrary, the Berlin agreement expressly stipulated that neither the invitation to nor the holding of the conference should imply diplomatic recognition where it is not already accorded. This proviso, on which the United States has stood absolutely firm, was accepted reluctantly by the Soviet Union during the closing minutes of the Berlin conference. "There is some evidence that the Soviet Union may attempt to make the Geneva conference something other than had been agreed upon at Berlin. The United States believes that the foundations for any relaxation of international tensions is a scrupulous observance of international agreements. We shall expect the Berlin agreement to be complied with both by the Soviet Union, which is one of the parties to the agreement, and by the other Communist regimes which come to Geneva. "We accept the view that if Korea can be made united and independent by peaceful means, this will make it easier to restore in Indo-China a peace which has been broken by Communist armed aggression. We shall strive to achieve that peace on honourable terms consistent with the independence of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia—States which are now threatened."—United Press.

Peace Talks Report Denied

Paris, Apr. 20. The French Foreign Ministry officially denied today reports that the Defence Minister, Mr Rene Pleven, had made any contacts with Vietnamese leaders during his recent tour in Indo-China.

According to the correspondent in Tokyo of an American broadcasting company, M. Pleven had a conference two months ago with Vietnamese representatives on board an aircraft carrier off Saigon. The correspondent declared that the Vietnamese delegates had made definite proposals for peace by which Emperor Bao Dai would remain head of the state and Vietnamese leader Ho Chi-minh would be Vice-Premier.

He added that ultra-secret talks were now said to be in progress in Saigon between French officials and Ho Chi-minh with a view to re-establishing peace in Indo-China.

It was further stated authoritatively here that no aircraft carrier was at Saigon during M. Pleven's trip and that the Defence Minister did not board a carrier either at Saigon or elsewhere.—France-Press.

Many Lives Feared Lost During Easter Blizzards

Geneva, Apr. 20. Wintry Alpine blizzards over the Easter weekend caught many skiers and climbers unawares in Austria, Italy, France and Switzerland and heavy loss of life is feared.

Fog, which blanketed the Dachstein mountains in Upper Austria, this afternoon forced rescuers to call off their search for 13 German schoolboys and teachers missing for six days.

Driving snow hampered searching for seven skiers missing on the more than 3,500 metres high Dome de Chasse Forest in the French Alps. Further south, police and mountaineers were searching for four youths and a girl who have been lost for 24 hours on the



Brilliant sunshine at the London Zoo—and Minnie fetches her twin baby bears out for their very first outing. The babies, Syrian brown bear cubs, were born to Minnie and Pickles on January 18.—London Express.

US Fighter Planes For Defence Of Dien Bien Phu

Hanoi, Apr. 20. Twenty-five United States-supplied Corsair fighters—the fastest planes ever used in Indo-China—have arrived to boost the shrinking defences of Dien Bien Phu, it was officially revealed today.

More paratroopers, meanwhile, jumped to reinforce the surrounded stronghold which now covers only some three-quarters of a square mile.

The single-seater Corsair fighters, according to the military authorities, arrived aboard the 15,000-ton United States aircraft carrier Salpan. A French aviation group of 120 specially trained pilots and maintenance personnel stood by to take them over.

The planes, believed to be the potent 450-mile-an-hour close ground support fighter model which proved highly effective against the Red Chinese in Korea, will be ready for action shortly, officials said. Some sources said that they were the newest AU-1 type of the basic FV-5 plane which served on naval carriers throughout World War II.

SHOULD BE DEADLY

Although not fast by modern standards, they were expected to be deadly against Vietnamese rebels who have no Air Force. They are armed with four 20-mm cannon for strafing attacks. They also carry racks for 10 five-inch rockets and two 1,000-lb. bombs.

His 11,000 men now are tightly packed into a main defence position only three miles around, plus another smaller position three miles south. An undisclosed number of paratroop reinforcements jumped into the fortress during the night. Every night now for several days the High Command has thrown more men in. They are mostly volunteers, with little or no previous parachute training. The military authorities said that these were dropped mostly before dark or at dawn while there was enough light for the newcomers to see where they are floating down.—United Press.

WIN PAY RISE

London, Apr. 20. More than one million British building workers in 18 trades unions won a pay rise of 3½d an hour today.

They were asking for nine pence an hour, but accepted the employers' offer effective from May 24. "This ends the 1953 cycle of wage claims, but there are already signs of a 1954 rush of claims based on Chancellor R. A. Butler's budget cut on food subsidies and on a new law permitting rent increases."—Reuters.

Twin Bears On View

Impressive Queen's Birthday Parade

Governor Takes Salute At Kowloon March Past

The Queen's Birthday Parade took place under ideal conditions in Kowloon this morning. Several thousand service men and women paraded past His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, in one of the smartest and most impressive parades ever seen in the Colony.

The weather—fine but dull—was neither too hot nor too cold, and in their white, green and khaki summer drill the servicemen drew cheers of appreciation from the vast crowds which lined the route. Not the least smart of those on parade were the contingents from the branches of the Royal Hongkong Defence Force, who brought up the rear of the Marching Column.

His Excellency the Governor took the salute on a specially erected dais opposite the United Services' Recreation Club in Gascoigne Road. He arrived at the dais at 10 a.m., and was received by His Excellency the Commander British Forces, Lieut-Gen. Sir Terence Airey, and the three Service Commanders (Commodore H. G. Thorold, RN, Major-General R. C. Cruddas, and Air-Commodore R. C. Field).

The 2nd Battalion, the 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles (The Sirmoor Rifles) fired a feu de joie in honour of Her Majesty, from a point opposite the dais. This was followed by a Royal Salute of 21 guns, fired by 25 Field Regiment, RA.

The Parade, which formed up in Chatham Road—and which was radio-controlled throughout—moved along Chatham Road and Gascoigne Road into Nathan Road in two columns, one on foot and the other mechanised. Each army unit marched past to its own Regimental March.

NAVAL BANDS The Bands of the Royal Marines, HMS Newcastle and HMS Birmingham, led the marching column, followed immediately by a detachment of the Royal Navy, HM ships Newcastle, Birmingham, Cordigan Bay, Mounts Bay, St Brides Bay, Morescombe Bay and HMS Tamar, provided the Naval contingent.

The Army column, which followed, was commanded by Lt-Col. A. J. Snodgrass, OBE, the King's Regiment. It was preceded by a detachment from 24 Field Engineer Regiment, Royal Engineers, who were followed by a detachment from 80 Field Engineer Regt.

The Corps of Drums, 1st Battalion, The King's Regiment, was followed by its Battalion and the Corps of Drums, 1st Battalion, The Welch Regiment, followed, with its Battalion. Next in line were 81 Troop, RASC (Pack Transport), and a special cheer was raised for the Army Dog Unit, which followed. The dogs, huge trained mastiffs, showed no sign of concern at the crowds who surged forward involuntarily to get a better view.

A contingent from the Women's Royal Army Corps, the 22nd Independent Platoon, followed, with a detachment of the Hongkong Chinese Training Unit. The Corps of Drums of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Norfolk Regiment, was next, with its Battalion. A detachment of the Royal Air Force, including RAF Police Dogs who created as much interest as their army colleagues, was followed by the contingent from the Royal Hongkong Defence Force.

THE HK CONTINGENT The Hongkong Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, led the Hongkong contingent, followed by the Hongkong Artillery Battery, the Hongkong Reconnaissance Unit, the Hongkong Intelligence Platoon, the Hongkong Home Guard, the Hongkong Regiment, the Hongkong Auxiliary Air Force, the Hongkong Women's Naval Volunteer Reserve, the Hongkong Women's Auxiliary Air Force, and the Hongkong Women's Auxiliary Army Corps.

The cheers of the crowds rose to a roar as the Hongkong men and women marched past the Governor, but were drowned a few seconds later by the rumbling of the vehicles in the Mobile Column, as they drove slowly along Hoe road.

The Mobile Column was commanded by Lt-Col J. R. Greenwood, OBE, 7th Royal Tank Regiment, who was followed by his own Regiment. This Regiment carried, no Parade Regimental Colour, its motto—"Through mud and blood to the green field beyond" being symbolised by the brown, red and

13TH BABY SUCCUMBS

London, Apr. 20.

The 13th of the 15 babies rescued from a burning maternity hospital at Reading on Sunday died on Tuesday afternoon.

The two remaining babies are said to be in a serious condition. Death in each case has been due to pneumonia, which occurred in all of them about one and a half hours after the rescue.—France-Press.

OIL TALKS OPEN

Teheran, Apr. 20.

Britain and Persia opened talks today on oil compensation in a "friendly atmosphere," it was officially announced tonight.

This new attack on the old problem arising from Persian nationalisation in 1951 and the ceding of the British from the vast installations is between governments. It is separate from talks already in progress between the Persians and an international "consortium" of firms interested in marketing the oil.

A communique from the British Embassy tonight said "both parties expressed their determination to reach an early solution."—Reuters.

PAYS PENALTY

Dublin, Apr. 20.

Michael Manning, 23, from Limerick, was executed here today for the murder last November of a 65-year-old nurse, Miss Catherine Cooper, attacked while she was walking along a main road late at night.—China Mail Special.

Two-Headed Baby Dies

Washington, Indiana, Apr. 20.

The two-headed Hartley baby died today of a respiratory ailment.

The medical rarity, born last December 12 to Mr and Mrs Cecil Hartley, died at 4:55 p.m. CST, about two hours after it was taken to the Davies County Hospital here in "very critical" condition.

Only last week the four-month-old boy returned home from an Indianapolis Hospital after a bout of pneumonia. Dr J. W. Elbert, the family physician, said the child developed the same "blue condition" from a respiratory impairment it had suffered previously.

Today, however, the affliction spread to both heads. In the previous attack only the left head, the weaker of the two, was affected. The baby also had a 105-degree fever today before succumbing.—United Press.



FLY PAL TO BANGKOK

Weekly flights every Wednesday.

Flights leaving Hong Kong every Wednesday at 12 noon, arrive in Bangkok at 4 p.m. (local time)

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PAL PHILIPPINE AIR LINES

Former Rulers Reunited In London



Ex-Queen Nabagereka, wife of the exiled Kabaka of Buganda, seen with her husband who met her on her arrival at London Airport from East Africa. This was their first meeting since the Kabaka was banished from Buganda last December. It is not yet known how long the ex-Queen is going to spend with her husband. — Express Photo.

He'll Kill A 1,000 Rats A Day

This Pied Piper Will Use Patent Traps

Superior, Wisconsin, Apr. 19.

Gust Lindquist, who believes he has "built a better rat trap," said tonight he will fly to the Philippine islands next week to offer his services for \$200,000.

Lindquist, 67, said he intends to build traps big enough to catch 1,000 rats a day in the islands. He said he has overruled parts of the Philippines, causing famine and plague.

Lindquist said he has written to the Philippine President, Mr. Ramon Maguayay, and will offer the island Government patent rights on his invention for \$200,000.

Lindquist said that his trap was an automatic self-setting device which ranges in size to fit specific situations.

A chemical is used to kill the rats quickly once they are in the trap.

"With the trap, the chemical (Paris Green) and a little help from the rats, there's not much to it," he said.

Lindquist said that he has used his special traps in several American cities, including New

Orleans, Chicago and Los Angeles.

"I'm interested in helping those people with their problem," Lindquist said. "I've heard rats are killing four or five persons a day and some people have to eat dirt because the rats have eaten all the crops."

He said he would stay in the Philippines "for a couple of months to show them how to use the traps." — United Press.

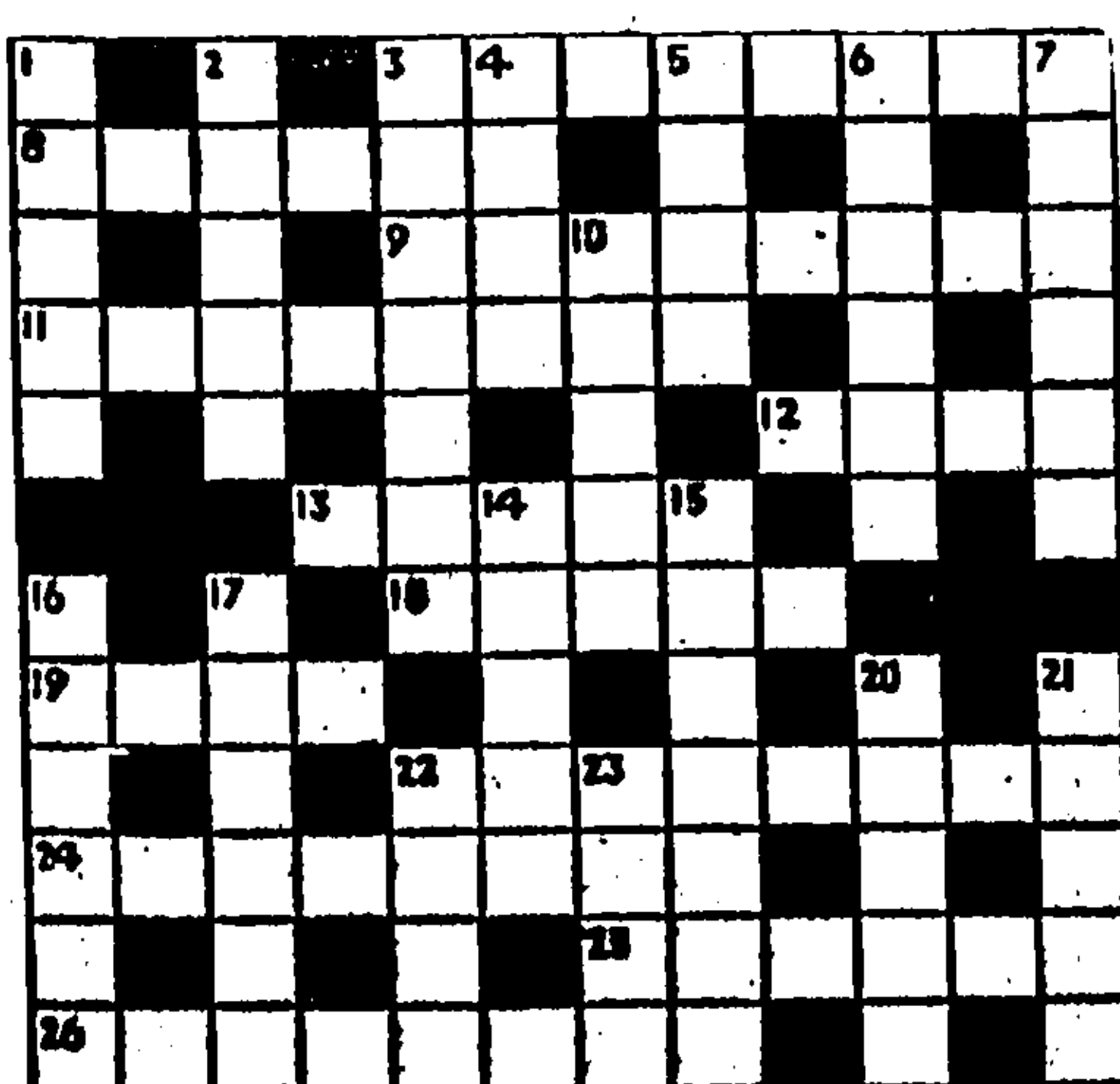
Plane Disaster

Burbank, Calif., Apr. 20.

Seven persons were killed when a flying boxcar military transport plane crashed on a mountain in a dense fog near here today.

The plane was preparing to land at Burbank airport outside of Los Angeles. The craft was completely destroyed by flames. — France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Protective garment (8).
 - Very hot (6).
 - Bearing upon (8).
 - Liberated (8).
 - Throw (4).
 - Headquarters (5).
 - Spaniard (8).
 - Bucket (4).
 - Whitens (8).
 - Awakening call (8).
 - Fisherman (8).
 - NCO (8).
- DOWN**
- Tempest (8).
 - Fish (6).
 - Freebooters (7).
 - Certain dates (4).
 - Grew old (4).
 - Not transparent (6).
 - Princes (6).
 - Fruit (6).
 - Pertaining to punishment (8).
 - Flood (7).
 - Sleepers (6).
 - Prevalent metal (8).
 - Take without right (5).
 - Quota (4).
 - Design (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Gallop, 2. Radiator, 3. Eraser, 4. Blunder, 5. Cade, 6. Snore, 7. Airmen, 8. 100, 9. 21, 10. Tumbler, 11. 26, 12. 27, 13. Intruder, 14. 28, 15. 29, 16. 30, 17. 31, 18. 32, 19. 33, 20. 34, 21. 35, 22. 36, 23. 37, 24. 38, 25. 39, 26. 40, 27. 41, 28. 42, 29. 43, 30. 44, 31. 45, 32. 46, 33. 47, 34. 48, 35. 49, 36. 50, 37. 51, 38. 52, 39. 53, 40. 54, 41. 55, 42. 56, 43. 57, 44. 58, 45. 59, 46. 60, 47. 61, 48. 62, 49. 63, 50. 64, 51. 65, 52. 66, 53. 67, 54. 68, 55. 69, 56. 70, 57. 71, 58. 72, 59. 73, 60. 74, 61. 75, 62. 76, 63. 77, 64. 78, 65. 79, 66. 80, 67. 81, 68. 82, 69. 83, 70. 84, 71. 85, 72. 86, 73. 87, 74. 88, 75. 89, 76. 90, 77. 91, 78. 92, 79. 93, 80. 94, 81. 95, 82. 96, 83. 97, 84. 98, 85. 99, 86. 100, 87. 101, 88. 102, 89. 103, 90. 104, 91. 105, 92. 106, 93. 107, 94. 108, 95. 109, 96. 110, 97. 111, 98. 112, 99. 113, 100. 114, 101. 115, 102. 116, 103. 117, 104. 118, 105. 119, 106. 120, 107. 121, 108. 122, 109. 123, 110. 124, 111. 125, 112. 126, 113. 127, 114. 128, 115. 129, 116. 130, 117. 131, 118. 132, 119. 133, 120. 134, 121. 135, 122. 136, 123. 137, 124. 138, 125. 139, 126. 140, 127. 141, 128. 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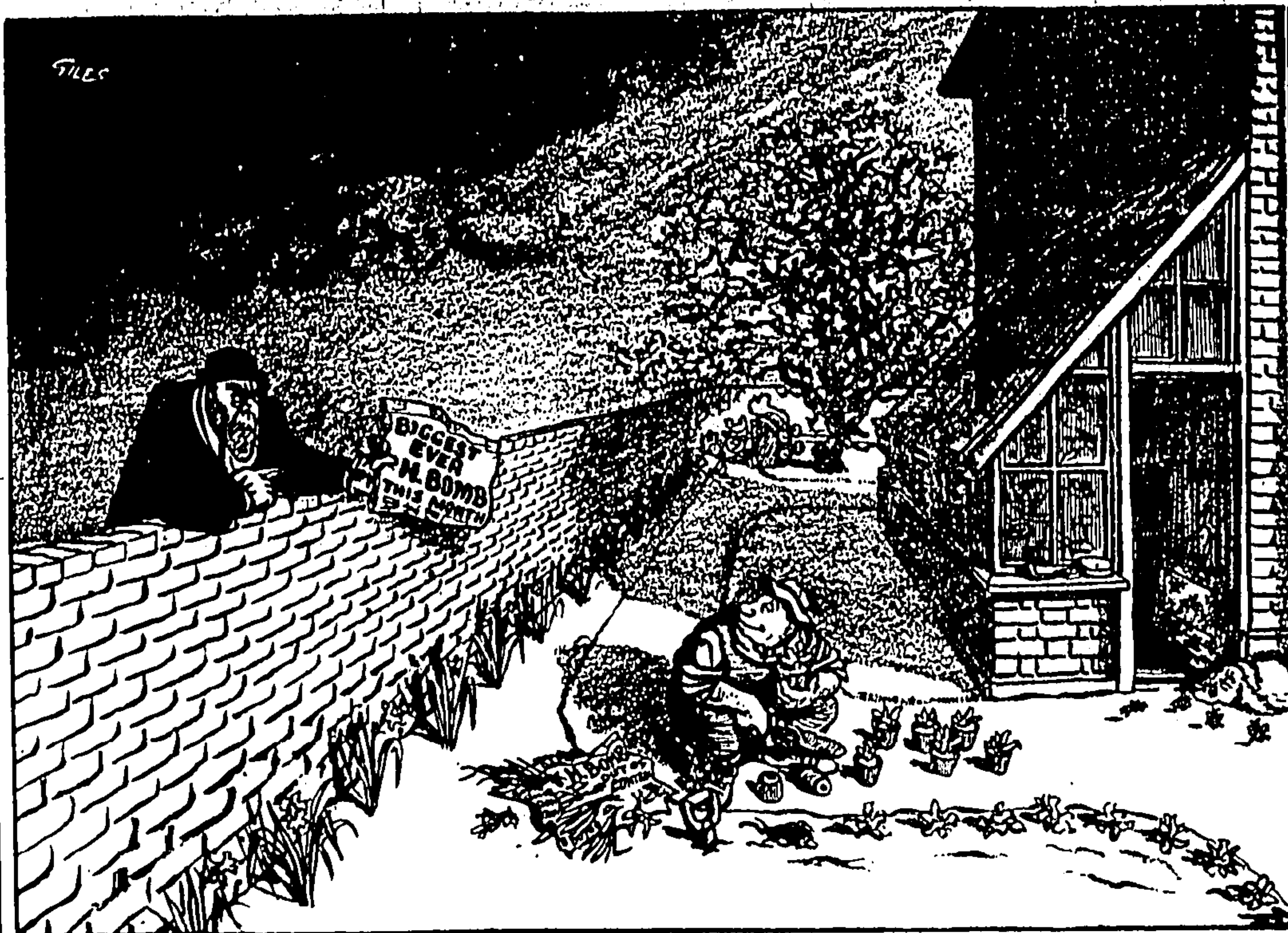
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THE TOUR THAT BECAME A TRIUMPH

By James Wickenden

A COMMONWEALTH'S vital need is a united spirit. In other times this unity was sought in symbols like the Roman eagle or ideas such as liberty. But all were too imperious or impersonal to arouse enduring loyalty.

Where they failed the British Crown, personified in Queen Elizabeth, may succeed. Today the Crown stands above events and yet touches deep personal beliefs.

The Royal Tour has already drawn unrivalled response from many different peoples across the earth. It will leave echoes to reverberate for years in the affairs of varied countries, giving them a sense of purpose beyond their party wrangles.

This high issue has been enshrined in many unprecedented ceremonies performed by the Queen—in the opening of Parliaments and Councils—but most of all in the spontaneous, almost wild, enthusiasm of ordinary folk.

They seemed to feel an uplift in this troubled world when the Queen arrived. Their excitement was not irrelevant to the occasion, but part of it; their feelings were genuine.

PARADISE

IT began when the blue and white Canopus swept out of the sky to land at Bermuda. So sedate and proper in the sub-tropical millionaire's paradise that a Bermudian Council speaker had suggested cheer leaders to pep up the applause. It was unnecessary advice.

From the moment the Queen stepped out in a beanie hat against the blue sea and pink hibiscus, the 2,000 children's reception party cheered till they were hoarse.

She drove along spray-swept coast roads, read an address in the pipe-panelled House of Assembly, and attended a sun-down garden party. After nearly three-and-a-half centuries without sight of their Sovereign, Bermudians in thousands showed that loyalty had not dimmed.

It was the same at Jamaica. In the earthquake island of the Spanish Main, site of the pirate lair of Port Royal—"too wicked to survive"—the caryatids, picked up everywhere from the radio by listening men, went

"Did you hear who's coming in town today, Wid a hip-hooray for de Gracious Queen... From London, de heart o' de Briton Empire, Hip-hooray for de Gracious Queen from over de Ocean to sunny Jamaica."

In the many impressive moments there was the first "Aah" of the crowd as the Queen stepped out in silvery blue; the after dinner drive with bonfires lighting the hillsides and the impulsive Sir Walter Raleigh act of the middle-aged negro in laying down his coat. None was more oddly nostalgic than the parade of white, coloured and Chinese children singing "God Save the Queen" as she drove round in a Land Rover.

PRECEDENT

SHE sailed away from Jamaica after setting a precedent. She did not just hold the first investiture in the West Indies; she aroused feelings rarely expressed.

Perhaps those Jamaican cheers could have been expected, but who could have foretold the fantastic wildness of Panama's welcome?

Cristobal, Colon, Panama City and Balboa crowded her car; children were brushed off like beetles by harassed detectives. At Colon her car hardly moved for 40 minutes, and the cheers remained deafening throughout. There was the mammoth reception (outshining the fantastic parties given since the war in Paris and the Riviera) where plump President Jose Antonio Remon danced with the Queen to the sound of "Embraceable You" and popping corks.

Here it seemed true that the fiesta spirit could combine with the great occasion. Even the hysterical girls, the straggled white egrets flying round the fountains seemed only to broaden and bring alive a genuine royal greeting.

RITUAL

THEN to Fiji—and the honour of a reception in silence. Struggling hard to contain themselves, the Fijians went through the ritual: the whole tooth gifts, the little girls presenting the bouquet (then abruptly sitting down), and the livelier Meke dance preceded by a grunt and three claps.

As in Bermuda and Jamaica, the Queen went through the usual programme of attending the Legislative Council, holding an investiture and visiting schools. But when Tonga was reached, Queen Salote's only official request was for the Queen to come to a church service.

Otherwise the Queen was to enjoy herself, starting with the

fabulous picnic with 5,000 guests—before them 1,000 roast pigs and 3,000 fowls to be eaten with fingers only. When she finally retired, the Queen's rest was guarded by 550 notables who serenaded the dawn with nose flutes.

From tropical island hospitality, the Queen went to the prosperous Dominion of New Zealand where the scale of events was larger, but still the emotions of ordinary people were paramount.

The Maoris met her at Roturua, an American style town of broad streets pervaded with the smell of sulphur springs. Here the assembled thousands were lifted to poetic heights by the words of homage.

"Welcome O stranger from beyond the horizon: the great white heron of a single flight..."

There was a tense hush of uncertainty as the Queen was offered the cloak of chieftaincy. She accepted, and the roar sprang out spontaneous and startling. Again there was the reminder of the variety of races in the Commonwealth.

EXCITEMENT

FROM then on, the tide of excitement swept south. There was a check at the address of the Tangiwal rail disaster on Christmas Eve. But it was partially offset by the Royal sympathy which New Zealand had never felt so closely before.

Then at every stop the same scenes repeated themselves. Each little town had prepared for months, and from the surrounding country of rich farmlands horsemen came riding in to swell the crowds under the signs of the single-storey main street shops.

The Royal car rolled in, they took their first glimpse of the Queen, pushed with indrawn breath, then cheered. Always the excitement was fresh as if such a thing had never happened before. It would be hard to find the high spot of New Zealand's honours.

Perhaps it was when the Queen of New Zealand walked slowly in her Coronation gown and diamond tiara to open her Parliament in Wellington. Only her few simple words broke the silence of the ceremony. For the first time, New Zealand's Parliament was opened by a sovereign and precedent was established.

Or there were the lesser moments such as the whistle stop at Waipepa. The mayor had pleaded for his town to be included in the tour and, hoping for a last-minute change, had relied on the red carpet and a sovereign and precedent was established.

It all cost £800,000 for the Queen's tour. But it was a small price to pay for the joy and pride of the people.

minutes of wild applause. So with her visit to 55 places in little over five weeks she was seen by two out of every three people in the Dominion.

Then the South Seas were left behind. They had been a fitting prelude to the climax—Australia—nearly the size of the U.S.A., with a great future in sight.

The most stupendous hall of all burst on the Gothic at Sydney. Five hundred yachts converged in feathery trails on the white ship in the great bay, and under the swoop of jet fighters the Queen stepped ashore at Farm Cove, where the first Governor-General of New South Wales had landed in 1788.

CONTRASTS

THERE the procession became disorganised but triumphant. Through nine miles of the hot canyon-like streets of booming Sydney, the Royal car jostled through yelling crowds and showers of streamers.

From that first day Australia could hardly restrain itself. Wherever the Queen and the Duke went in the 14,500 miles they covered in the month, they were sought out.

There was even the extraordinary scene at Manly when three actors, one a woman, came out of a stage door in Elizabethan costume. Immediately the cry went up: "There she is!" In the mad rush the unsuspecting players just managed to scuttle inside again and bolt the door.

Across the vast country they found the wide contrasts of Australia—the uninhabited, almost rowdy New South Wales with English countryside; the prim Canberra; the lazy tropical expanse of Queensland; and the endless wind-blown red desert to Perth.

INFLUENCE

EVERYWHERE there was the same uproarious reception from lean, sunburnt people who have shaped a life of their own.

The Duke of Edinburgh began to play an increasingly significant role in Australia. He spoke on Anzac Day to ex-service men, the first address of welcome he had answered. Often, he kept the schedule waiting when his scientific interest found something new; a fitting guest.

In the same way that the rail disaster had thrown an unexpected strain on the New Zealand visit, Australia had her own misfortune in the West Coast's political earthquake. But here again the Queen showed reserves of tact which smoothed away all difficulties.

In a time of change the Crown at least shows a growing influence for unity in the world. The voyage which began as a tour has become a mission.

NATHANIEL GUBBINS

S UDDENLY, like a searchlight across a dark sea, the goings on at council meetings have been revealed to a dazed public.

At a gathering of Manchester City councillors to discuss the purchase of Henry Moore's bronze figure "Draped Torso" for £760 Mr W. Binns, deputy chairman of the Art Galleries Committee, said the figure was a lovely piece of work and suggested that those against the purchase read illustrated newspapers and looked at pictures of Marilyn Monroe.

After which Mr H. Stockdale, a butcher, said:

"If one looks round this council chamber one can find examples of torsos, either draped or undraped, which have more to recommend them than this particular one."

What exactly did Mr Stockdale mean by "draped and undraped torsos round the council chamber"? Or, to put it even more bluntly, what did he mean by "undraped torsos"?

According to my dictionary "draped" means "dressed" and "undraped" means "undressed." A torso is the trunk, or upper half of the human body.

As Mr Stockdale's remarks cannot (we hope) refer to women councillors as we to assume that some of the men sit round the table naked to the waist like Garth, the muscle-bound tease of the strip cartoon? Or, as Henry Moore's bronze is a female torso, was Mr Stockdale paying a delicate compliment to lovely women councillors whose charms are obvious even though draped?

Even if Mr Stockdale didn't mean quite what he said, or was referring to statues in the council chamber, the remarks of Mr Binns about councillors looking at pictures of Marilyn Monroe are disquieting.

Up till now I have always thought of councillors as grave, middle-aged, public-spirited men irreverently, even hopelessly, married to tired, middle-aged women and talking earnestly to each other about rates and drains.

Now I shall think of them as half-naked sex maniacs leaning at pictures of Marilyn Monroe, winking at women councillors and writing "I love Councillor Mrs Whatnot" on the walls of the council chamber.

The Awful Child: Did the half-naked sex maniac marry Councillor Mrs Whatnot?

No. They were both married already.

What happened then?

He took her to the pictures.

With the money you pay for the rates?

He could take her to the pictures every night for ten years on that.

Did he buy her a box of chocolates, too?

Naturally.

As he was spending your money I expect it was a big box?

Enormous.

Hard or soft centres?

Both.

Did they hold hands?

Why not?

And talk about drains?

Their mouths were too full to talk.

Were they munching all the time?

Until Mr Whatnot came in.

What happened then?

That both swallowed hard centres whole, choked, and went out.

Lucifer's Letter

DEAR MR GUBBINS,

ALTHOUGH I am rather busy at the moment working hard on Senator Joe McCarthy, my most adaptable pupil since the death of Adolf Hitler, I have found time to notice that Mr Billy Graham, the American hot popstar, mentioned me in his address to an audience at Haringey, London.

According to a report Mr Graham said that people picture me as a foolish, protegee creature with horns and a long tail, though, in fact, I am a person of great intelligence, a mighty gifted spirit of infinite resourcefulness.

While thanking Mr Graham for the compliments I would also like to ask him if his remarks infer that I am not a person with horns and a long tail?

Well, Mr Gubbins, if he thinks that I can only refer him to you, I'll need to be a bit more direct. I'll need to be a bit more direct. I'll need to be a bit more direct.

Ever yours,
MEPHY.

Man In A Pub

"Cut a long story short," I said. The Man in a Pub, "I was looking at the clock over the bar and the time was exactly twenty-five past five. It was twenty-five past?"

I said I didn't know.

"No, I'm a liar," said The Man. "It was just on five and twenty because I told myself I'd got about ten minutes to have a drink before he got off home to lunch, when who should come in but old Henry, you remember old Henry, of course?"

I said I had never heard of old Henry.

"Get along with you," said The Man. "Old Henry's the one who had half his inside taken out and put back again just before Christmas, and just when he had bought the biggest turkey since the war. And finally enough he got the flu on Christmas Eve, and as his daughter and son-in-law were down with the mumps there was nobody to dinner, so old Henry had to give the turkey to the Old Folks' Home, which nearly broke his heart as he never gives anything away in his life before, and has never been the same since. In a way he reminds me of my poor old Uncle George. When poor old Uncle George became a widower with six grown-up children, all married with grandchildren coming along, he was so mean that he threw his address book away and left the country rather than give them all birthday presents. Let me see, that was in 1927, or was it 1928?"

I said I had no idea.

"No, I'm a liar," said The Man. "It was in 1929 because he arrived in America just in time for the depression when everybody was ruined and he had plenty of the ready in English banks. Naturally, with all that money he was quite a catch and it wasn't long before an American widow hooked him. But he didn't know until after they were married that she had six younger brothers and sisters and six cousins who all had birthdays neatly spaced throughout the year, so that poor old Uncle George had to fork out for a present regularly every month. Well, after a little while he got properly chessed off with that lark, left his second wife flat and went off mentioned me in his address to an audience at Haringey, London."

I said I wouldn't know.

"No, I'm a liar," said The Man. "It was Australia because I remember now that Uncle George's brother, Joe, had emigrated to Australia when he was a young man, and had married and raised a large family there. So when poor old George arrived he was welcomed as the high uncle from England, and what with his brother's children and his own children, and his brothers' wives and nephews, he was a bit of a nuisance."

Well, Mr Gubbins, if he thinks that I can only refer him to you, I'll need to be a bit more direct. I'll need to be a bit more direct. I'll need to be a bit more direct.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Here's Best Play Against No-Trump

NORTH 15	
♠ J54	
♥ J54	
♦ K84	
♣ 1096	
WEST	
♠ 976	♠ K102
♥ A72	♥ Q43
♦ 97	♦ 1043
♣ A982	♣ J753
EAST	
♠ A83	
♥ 1086	
♦ A952	
♣ K3	
SOUTH (1)	
♠ A83	
♥ 1086	
♦ A952	
♣ K3	
Both sides vul	
South West North East	
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass	
1 NT Pass Pass Pass	
Opening lead: ♠ 2	

By OSWALD JACOBY

CORRECT defence against a no-trump contract usually consists in leading your best suit and keeping up the attack with that suit at every opportunity. Eventually, you will establish your suit and be able to cash low-card tricks, as well as the few high cards that your side may have.

Today's hand shows an exception to this rule. The correct defence was to lead a fourth heart, but the defence had to shift to a different suit.

West opened the dealer of hearts, and East won with the queen. This told East an important story. He had been very happy about playing his queen of hearts since he feared that South had the ace. When South failed to take the first heart trick, however, it was clear that South didn't have the ace of hearts.

It was equally clear to East that the defence couldn't get rich from the heart suit alone. West had led his fourth-best heart and therefore had three hearts higher than the opening lead, but he couldn't have any cards lower than the deuce. Four heart tricks were a good beginning, but not enough to defeat the contract.

East therefore decided to shift to clubs in the hope of bringing in some additional tricks. When East led a low club, South properly played the king since this was his only chance to win a club trick.

It was now easy for the defenders to rattle off four club tricks and then take the rest of their hearts. They therefore took eight tricks, setting the contract two tricks.

There would have been a different story to tell if East had woodenly continued the hearts by taking the king of hearts at the second trick and then leading another heart to his partner's ace.

West would be able to take a fourth heart trick, but would then have to shift. Nothing would stop South from taking five diamonds and two spades, enough tricks for his contract.

CARD SERVICER

Q—The bidding has been:

North	East	South	West
1 Heart	Pass	2 Clubs	Pass
2 Diamonds	Pass	?	?

You, South, hold: Spades K-Q-2, Hearts 9-4, Diamonds 8-6-2, Clubs A-Q-J-5-2. What do you do?

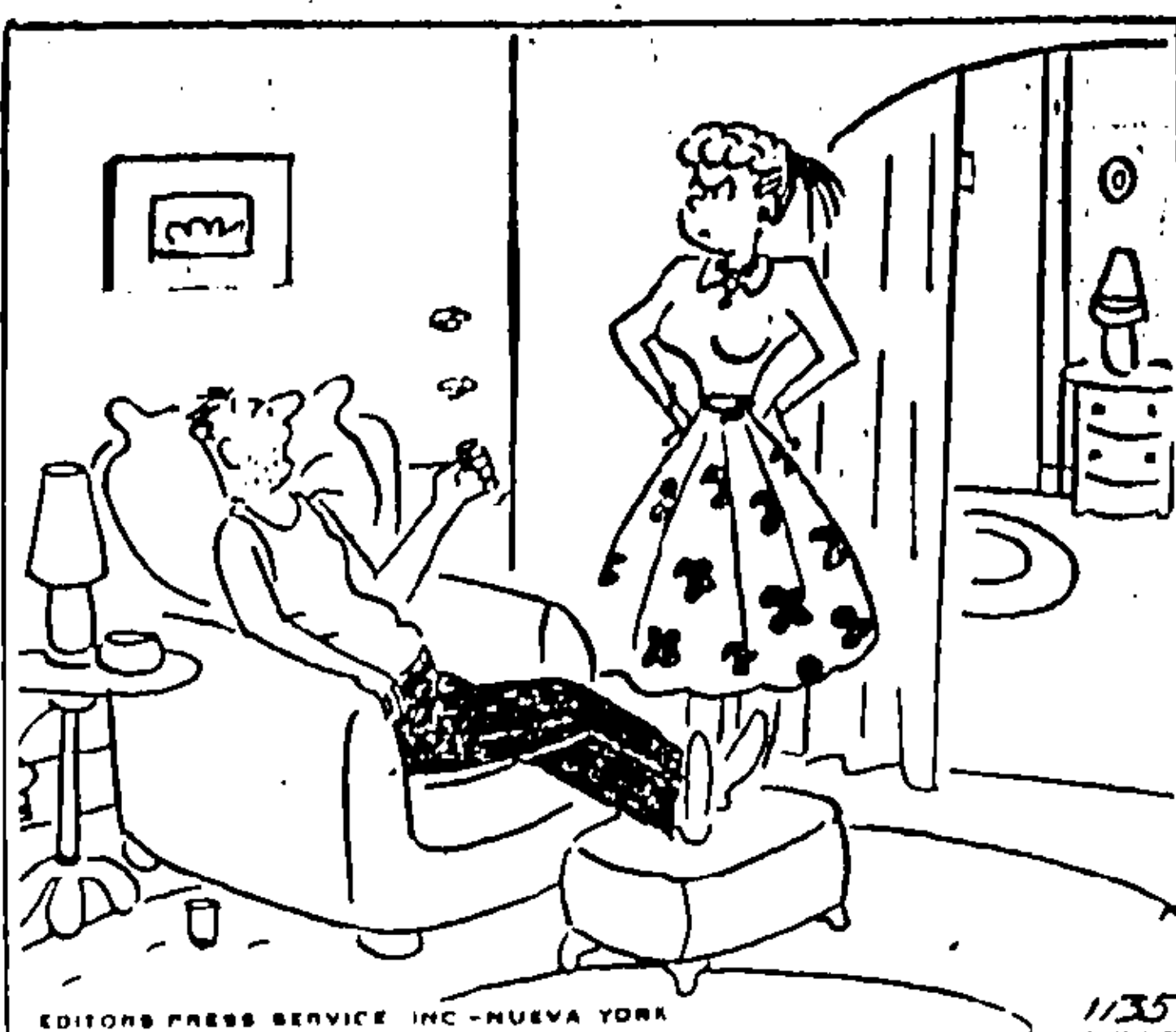
A—Did two no-trump. You have two stoppers in the unbid suit, balanced distribution, and 12 points. This is an ideal holding for a delayed response of two no-trump. Your bid is highly invitational, but not forcing.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades A-Q-3, Hearts 9-4, Diamonds 8-6-2, Clubs A-Q-J-5-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

DUMB BELLS



BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

DR STRABISMUS (Whom God Preserve) of Utrecht is very interested in the recent account of a machine for testing the toughness of raw peas.

One hundred and forty-three peas are used to puncture 143 peas and the electrical force expended is recorded on a dial. Strabismus has already developed this idea. He has discovered that a small steam-driven hammer uses 2.5 more times the unit of steam-generated energy to crack a walnut than a hand-operated hammer. A dial is attached to the hammer, and a needle without any mechanism, and a screen of curtain can be pinned to its end. The needle will show the force of the hammer. A tiny electric razor will shave the hairs off a gooseberry.

Toss of the d'Urbervilles

Such universally known figures of fiction as Hardy's Tess.

(Article on novels)

WHAT'S HER LINE?

The letters on the visiting card—

PATTIE HILL

—If rearranged, will spell the owner's occupation.

(Solution on Page 10)

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

BORN on this first day of the incoming sign, Taurus, you are by nature a bull. Constructive in the use of ideas as well as in the field of practical affairs, you are steadfast and enduring. You are ruled by Venus, the Goddess of Love and Beauty. Things of the mind interest you more than anything else, although you have the gift of being able to make money without appearing to try.

Straightforward and honest, you are self-reliant, have excellent judgment, cannot endure seeing injustice done without attempting to right it. You have a lovely side to your nature which draws people to you. You are apt, by temperament, to be a "lone wolf" for your independence of ideas is inclined to make you intolerant of those who attempt to hand out unsolicited advice. You are temperamental and moody, at times, but this can usually be traced to a temporary physical or mental weakness, often due to overwork.

Among those who were born on this date are: Queen Elizabeth II, at London; the poet, W. H. Auden; the novelist, John Galsworthy; the inventor, Alexander Graham Bell; the actor, John Mearns, naturalist.

To find what the stars have in store for you, tomorrow select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 20)—Be careful, lest you make a serious error today and cause a setback to your whole schedule. Accuracy is what counts.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)—Make a really serious attempt to adjust to a new environment, rather than fuss about it. You'll be happier.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Gold does not always glitter. Something quite unexpected can turn out to be very important.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—This may be day when you need a friend. It is likely that you have plenty, too. Don't be too proud to ask for help.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Be careful, friend, some nice to say, rather than being too critical of someone.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Don't let any kind of an obstacle stand in your way. Get around it and accomplish your purpose.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—You may win an important promotion in your job if you come out with some new and productive idea today.

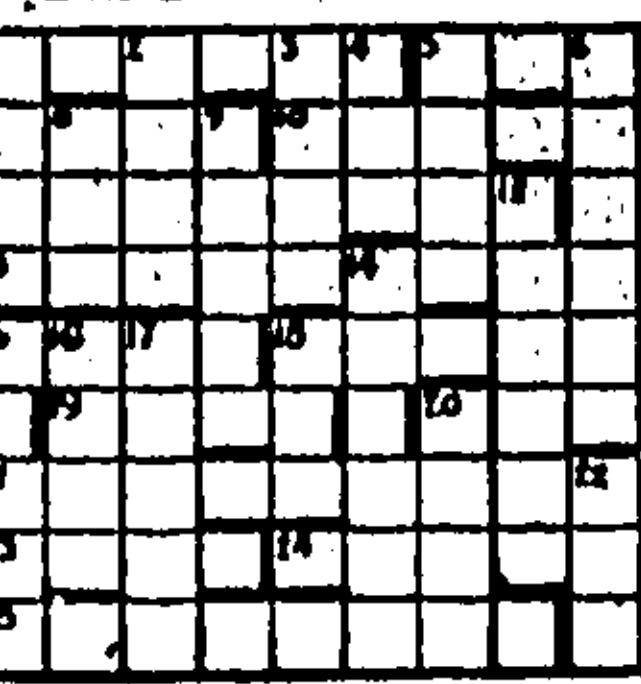
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23)—Better not to get involved in an argument today, or you'll do a lot of harm.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 24-Jan. 20)—If your nerves are a little ragged due to too much work, take the evening off for some recreation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Don't overdo things. Take charge in manual labour, cultivate your mind more.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—When it comes to shopping for the home, do some bargain hunting. No need to be extravagant.

CROSSWORD



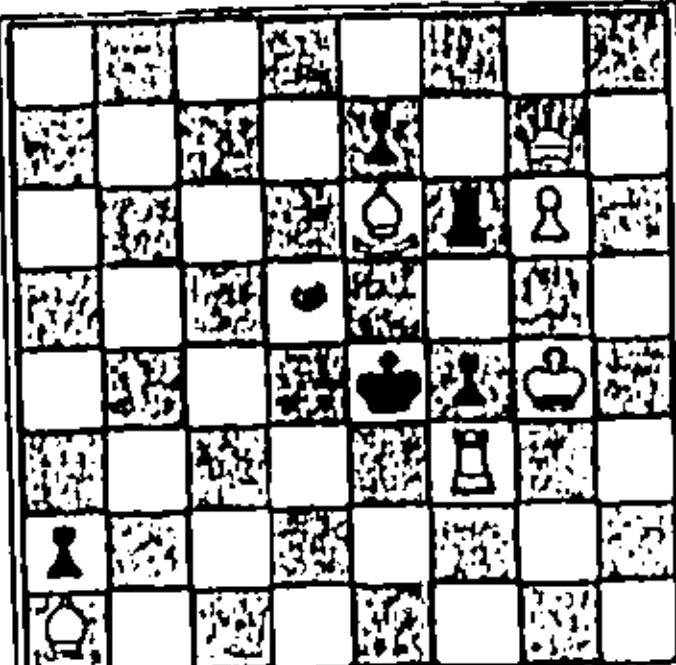
Across
1. You can make your mark on this. (4)
2. Arrive shouldn't miss this. (4)
3. As the highest peak. (4)
4. A small, round, round. (4)
5. This is what gives shape to your entrance. (4)
6. A servant's his feudal look. (4)
7. The ruin of someone's life. (4)
8. It's the right in the middle of a life. (4)
9. Go north-east. (4)
10. A bit of a puzzle. (4)
11. Parry, Serb. You've got the fruit mixed. (4)
12. Close call. (4)
13. Good night, lady. (4)
14. All the wives in town have. (4)

Down
1. The afterthought contains a small secret. (4)
2. The day's half gone. (4)
3. The little don't. (4)
4. Card game. (4)
5. This sort of day is apt to bring things to a head. (4)
6. There may be old lace here, but not wonder, necessarily. (4)
7. He wears a cap—on foot. (4)
8. Fine feathers make fine birds. (4)
9. Think. (4)
10. Victory in Europe's sandwiched in. (4)
11. Beware, British sailors, you're not. (4)
12. Tree on the beat. (4)
13. He's got a shaggy lion. (4)
14. Out off to spite faces. (4)
15. A little bit of a puzzle. (4)
16. Oct. as one spider said to another in this. (4)
17. Reared. (4)
18. Make them mightier. (4)
19. Kipling. (4)

CHESS PROBLEM

By A. AKERBLOM

Black, 5 pieces.



White, 6 pieces.

White to play: mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem.

1. Q-K14, any; 2. Q, R (disch), or Kt mates.

Blue is the colour for Parisians



A SWEET and sentimental colour—the colour of Victorians and the colour of forget-me-nots, has turned sophisticated.

That vivid sky blue which used to be a suburban standard, has moved from Peckham to Paris and become the latest fashion.

The girl in the picture (photographed by Rubin) shows how the girls are wearing this new colour in Paris.

They wear a posy of forget-me-nots in the daytime; forget-

me-not blue gloves dotted with black; sky blue cotton sailor collars; close-fitting hats covered with forget-me-not petals.

And Paris windows are full of chunky sweaters in the same clear blue; white shirts with blue collars; and stud earrings in cloudy forget-me-not pearls or glittering forget-me-not rhinestones.

It is a pleasure to announce, for once, the arrival of a new fashion that is easy to copy. In a new fashion that will go with what you have got, with navy or black, with white or dark grey or brown.

Sweet Potatoes Served As Meat Accompaniment

By IDA BAILEY ALLEN

"In my considered opinion," said the Chef, "it is a mistake to sweeten sweet potatoes while cooking."

"They are sweet enough in themselves. When extra sugar or syrup is added, instead of an accompaniment to meat, they taste like a desert."

"Which is the way they were first served," I added.

"Sweet potato pie and pudding are still old favourites. Probably the reason they are often served glazed or candied is because other ways to cook them are not familiar."

"A favourite in hotels and restaurants, Madame, is grilled sweet potatoes. In this case they are half-boiled, then peeled, sliced lengthwise half-inch thick, brushed with oil, seasoned with salt and pepper, then slowly broiled on both sides. French-fried sweets are also popular."

French-Fried Sweet Potatoes: Scrub sweet potatoes and boil 10 min. in salted water. Then peel and cut in lengthwise finger-length strips as when preparing French-fried white potatoes. Drain on paper towels. Fill a heavy deep kettle 1/2 with hard or vegetable fat, and heat. When hot enough to brown a 1/4-in. cube of bread in 1 min. (350° F.), add the potatoes; fry until golden. Drain on crumpled paper towels; dust with salt.

Debut of Ham and Sweet Potato Souffle: Combine 2 c. peeled cooked sweet potatoes, 1 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. pepper and 1 tsp. sugar. Add 3 tsp. melted butter or margarine, 1/4 c. minced cooked smoked ham, 1/4 c. milk and the beaten yolks of 3 grade A or B eggs. Beat the whites stiff and fold in. Turn into a qt. baking dish. Set in a pan of hot water; bake until firm in a moderate oven (350°-375° F.) about 35 min.

Dinner
Hot or Chilled Tomato Juice
Pot Roast of Beef
Gravy
Steam-boiled Sweet Potatoes
Orange Shortcake
Coffee
Tea
Milk

All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve 4 to 6

Shortcake: Sift together 4 c. already-sifted enriched flour, 2/3 c. sugar, 1 tsp. salt and 3 tsp. baking powder. Add 8 tsp. shortening, and chop in with a pastry blender. Beat 2 eggs light; add 1 c. milk and stir into the flour. Mix thoroughly. Spread in 2 oiled (8-in.) layer cake pans. Bake about 20 min. in a hot oven, 400° F.

To assemble, butter and put together while hot with 3 c. sweetened juicy cut-up or sectioned oranges.

Suggestion of the Chef

For an appetising luncheon platter, combine alternating slices grilled sweet potatoes and fried apple; garnish this with crisp sausages.

Household Hints

To remove stains made by meat juices, first soak the stained area in cool water, then wash in warm soda.

To clean doorknobs without injuring the wood finish behind them, cut cardboard to fit around the doorknob and key plate.

Mice will find it hard to steal cheese bait from a trap if you make the bait a little with the face of a match.

If you're baking and find yourself out of baking powder, there is a satisfactory substitute—one teaspoonful of baking soda blended with two teaspoonful of cream of tartar.

To remove scum from the surface of wash water, use a whisk broom. The scum sticks to the broom and can be washed off easily.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

The Pixies Have Visitors

—They Have Come from All Over the World—

By MAX TRELL

CHIRPIE SPARROW came to the window sill and reported to Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, that there seemed to be a great deal of excitement in O'Cheer Hall.

O'Cheer Hall was the place where the Pixies lived. It was underneath the roots of the Old Oak on the other side of the garden wall.

A Question to Chirpie

"What kind of excitement do you mean, Chirpie?" Hanid asked the Sparrow.

"Well, all kinds of people are coming and going from and to O'Cheer Hall," Chirpie replied. "And they really aren't people either...no, they are not really people."

Knarf and Hanid were so puzzled by what Chirpie had told them that they wasted no time going to O'Cheer Hall to see exactly what the excitement was about. And to find out, of course, what Chirpie meant by saying that the people weren't people.

On reaching the Old Oak, they instantly discovered that Chirpie Sparrow was right about the excitement. The door leading down into O'Cheer Hall was partly open. From below, they could hear sounds of singing and laughing. So they rang the doorbell and the next moment, Pixie O'Bean came bounding up the stairs.

Party Activity

"Oh, I'm delighted to see you both," Pixie O'Bean said brightly. "Come down! We're having a party!"

"A party?" said Knarf.

Pixie O'Bean smiled more brightly than before. "A wonderful party! Friends of ours from all over the world are here visiting us!"

Pixie O'Bean insisted that Knarf and Hanid come down and meet the out-of-town visitors.

And what a surprising company of visitors they were! They were all crowded in the reception room.

There were Leprechauns, Demons, and Pixies from Ireland.

There were Kelpies and Little People from Scotland.

There were Fairies and Dwarfs from England.

There were Fays from France.

There were Gnomes and Trolls from Germany.

There were Italian Elves.

There were Greek Sprites and Fauns and Nymphs and Centaurs.

There were Brownies from South America.

There were Nixies from Australia.

There were Peris from Turkey.

There were Djins from Pakistan.

There were Thunder Birds from Alaska.

There were Hobgoblins from Holland.

There were Kelpies from Spain.

Uncorking the Stranger

But the strangest of all the visitors was somebody who stayed in a big bottle in the middle of the room.

"If you'd like to see him," Pixie O'Bean said to Knarf and Hanid, "I'll take out the cork."

Knarf and Hanid said they would very much like to see the



The Genil played his flute.

strange visitor, so Pixie O'Bean took out the cork.

Instantly, a strange figure came streaming out of the bottle.

It was a Genil from Arabia.

"I'm the one," the Genil said, "who did all those wonderful things for Aladdin that everyone has read about."

Although he looked strange, the Genil was a very genial person. He sat at the edge of the bottle playing the flute while all the other curious visitors to O'Cheer Hall danced and laughed and ate delicious poppy seed cookies made by Oberon and Titania the King and Queen of the Fairies.

Knarf and Hanid never had such a curious and wonderful time.

Rupert and the Black Spark—32



After leaving the bewildered farmer the two friends go in search of Podgy. When they find him he is still looking scared. "Oh my, is that really you, Rupert?" he quavers. "Didn't you get burned up by that black spark? How did you get away?" Again the story has to be told. And



how we'll find Algy," Rupert laughs. "Then we'll tell the Professor. I wonder what he will say when he hears that the problem that was too much for him has been solved by Bingo!"

THE END.

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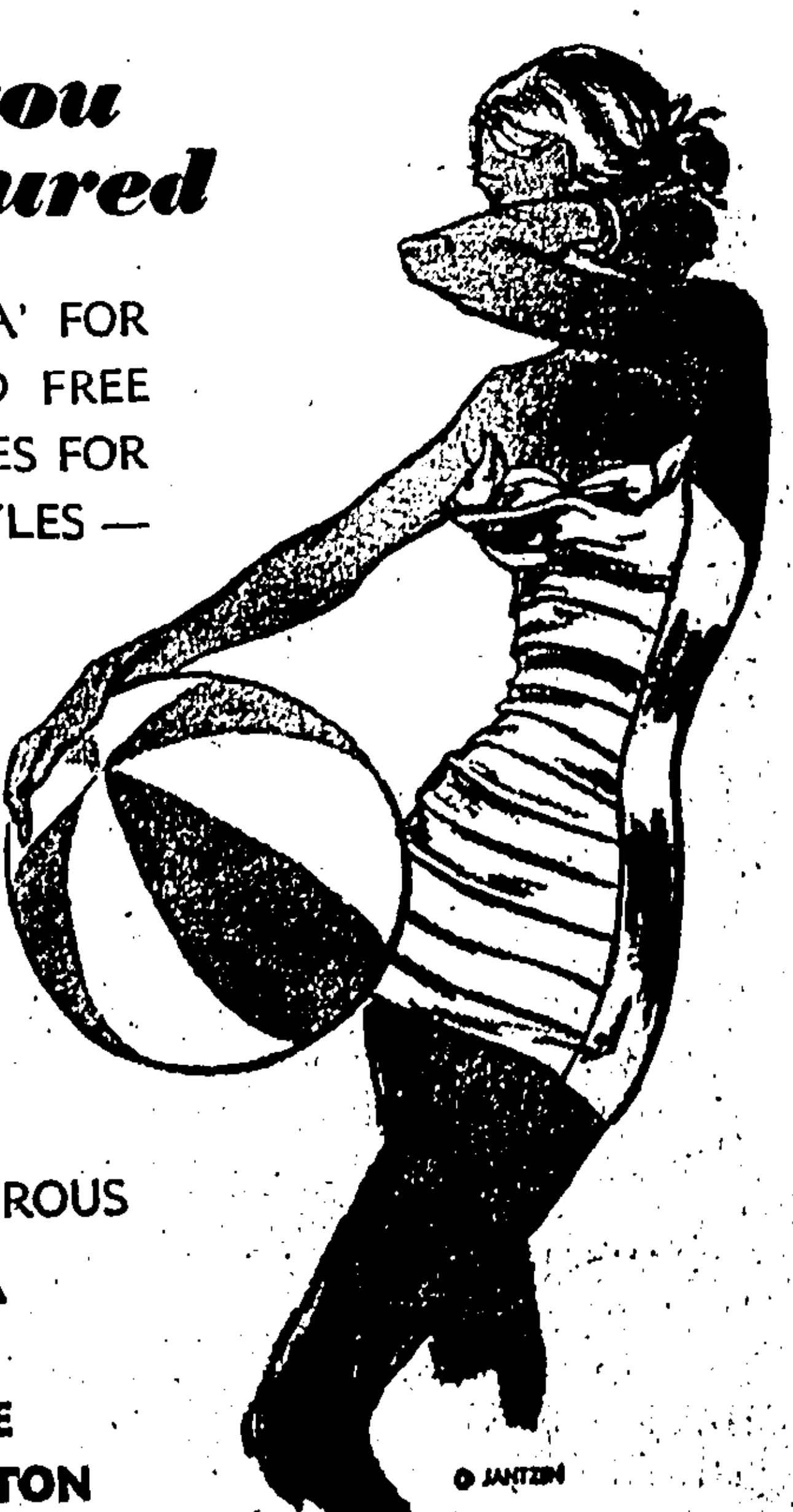
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THE WEST INDIES TOUR

STOLLMAYER WAS RIGHT
—CRICKET IS NOW A
GAME FOR PROFESSIONALS

Says PETER DITTON

It is no easy matter to summarise the recently concluded MCC tour of the West Indies. There was so much incident both on and off the field that even in a book such as this my fellow reporter are preparing the limited space to know what to leave out.

There have been a lot of good and bad things on this tour and the bad things have not been entirely one-sided. Fortunately, the cricket at times, rather than the incidents, has been the main matter, and the final Test at Jamaica, which played in an atmosphere which enabled one to forget much of the past.

I do not say that because England won and were able to draw the series. Though that in itself was an extraordinary performance. Any side which can beat the West Indies in their home territory, and still manage to earn a half on the last green cannot be a bad one.

But it was not the result itself which mattered so much. It was the manner in which the play was conducted. There were no umpiring incidents, no tantrums, and no personal demonstrations in the part of the spectators.

SPOILED ATMOSPHERE

When Compton was dismissed I did hear it said that, because he had been over in trying to look a bluffer from King, he was deliberately cheating.

My own view is that he was stumped and did not know what had happened. No one could see the one thing the same way and, of course, everyone is entitled to his own opinion.

But much of the trouble on this tour has been caused by people who have not seen things for themselves, and have still gone around expressing opinions as if they had the facts at first hand.

I am not intending to evade any issues when I say that the atmosphere when the MCC returned to Jamaica was much less friendly than when they first arrived. And it was largely as a result of these second-hand stories which had been circulated so freely.

On this particular point I feel it is a great pity that the West Indies press did not have their own representative covering the complete tour. Naturally enough, an Englishman is going to see things through English eyes and his viewpoint will be expressed from that angle. It would have been considerably better if a West Indian could have presented his version also.

In England it is normal practice nowadays when an Australian side is visiting for

the National Press to have their own representative covering the tour and to take an additional report from an Australian. Frequently their stories are much more accurate and, occasionally, they say and then the public can read both accounts and judge for themselves.

INDISPUTABLE

One matter which I believe is indisputable is that the standard of umpiring might have been higher. Jeffrey Stollmeyer, and to some after the last Test, "This is a game for professionals," he agreed with him. International cricket these days is a serious business in which only the very best are good enough. Similarly with umpiring. Lack of experience has been the biggest problem confronting those who have stood in matches on this tour and who, then, have had more time to familiarise themselves with the abilities and idiosyncrasies of each player and will be far better placed to make their decisions.

So much for the non-playing side of the tour. It is not my intention to go deeply into such matters as the bottle-throwing in British Guiana, St. Eustace, St. Vincent, President of the West Indies, Board of Control, and that it was largely the work of a few drunks and schoolchildren.

As I remarked earlier, everyone is entitled to his own opinion. I was in British Guiana, St. Eustace, and St. Vincent. But to return to the cricket. Not even the harshest critics of England could deny they have done well to draw the series. After the first two Tests, which have said it was impossible, but Len Hutton is not the greatest batsman in the world for nothing and it was largely his effort which saved England.

Opinion, but here after the matches in Jamaica and Barbados, and quite rightly so, was that England must have invoked some form of voodoo last summer when they defeated Australia.

Certainly there was only one side in it to begin with. While the touring team struggled to acclimatise themselves and work out some system of tactics the West Indians all but ran away with the series.

TURNING POINT

The turning point was when Hutton, England's most successful captain in the art of calling hands of tails, secured choice of innings in Georgetown. This, coupled with a subtle change in tactics which gave the batsmen more chance to play their own type of game, provided the necessary breathing space. And I believe that from then on they looked the better side.

Without question, the West Indies had the greater all-round strength and in Weekes and Walcott, or perhaps after the last Test I should say Walcott and Weekes, two batsmen who would walk up any present day World XI.

Walcott's innings when the West Indies were trying to stave off defeat at Sabina Park was the best of his side in the whole series. His double century at Barbados was perhaps the second best, though in the early stages one felt there was always a chance he would mislead one and get himself out.

England, on the other hand, had Hutton to whom all credit has been given. Trevor Bailey, an infatigable all-rounder and until his injury, the best fast bowler in Brins Stadium.

I can hear the shouts of protest from King's supporters already. He is good, that no one will deny, but whereas Statham attacked the stumps 90 per cent of the time and only used his bumper as a surprise weapon, King made it his trump card and when he was attacking the stumps did not look nearly as dangerous.

Hutton, Bailey and Statham. These three played major roles in England's revival. But it would be foolish for Englishmen to feel that the present competition, plus Alec Bedser, is going to be good enough to retain the Ashes against Australia at the end of this year and the beginning of next.

The bowling is not the worry. Trueman did not come up to expectations on this tour but, providing he retains the measure of stability he acquired over the last two Tests, he should be good enough.

RAISES DOUBTS

It is the batting, as it has been ever since the war, which raises doubts. Neither Graveney nor Watson, the latter despite his 100 in the first Test, was measured up to standard and, to a lesser degree, even Peter May has not fulfilled the high promise which performances at home had forecast for him.

It is a moot point, too, whether a good season against a not over-strong Pakistan team this summer will greatly enhance their reputations.

Another and perhaps even more important point is that Hutton's captaincy on this tour has not been on a par with the quality of his batting.

In field placing and handling of the attack he has had to give best to Stollmeyer on many occasions. But still the fact is that England cannot go to Australia without him.

As for the West Indies, perhaps the biggest disappointment was Worrell's failure to get going. He can still recall with pleasure his magnificent double century against England in the Test at Nottingham in 1950. It was one of the most beautiful I have seen.

On this tour he was but a shadow of his former self. He scored a century in Trinidad, it is true, but in his own words "I pattered around until I had got a hundred and by that time I had lost all my shots."

Not strictly accurate, perhaps, for there were still glimpses of the form which once made him the most attractive batsman in the world to watch. But it was an effort and that is something that Worrell's batting has never been. I fear he is paying the price of League cricket which is hardly conducive to the demands of six-day Tests.

Valentine was the other disappointment. Perhaps in his case too, the same might be said for at least Weekes, Walcott and Ramadhin have lost none of their skill. In fact Walcott looks better every time I see him—no two people are alike and what may be good for one is not necessarily good for another.

CAREER TO MAKE

But don't ask me what the answer is. These players have a career to make and it is up to them to go where the money is. Until such time as the West Indies Board can offer them all a comparable living at home the drain on star performers will continue. Two more at least want to join the trek to England next year.

On the credit side, there was Holts emergence via his 100 in Barbados as a Test batsman of class and the re-discovery of Denis Atkinson, an all-rounder of real merit. Here is the natural successor to that grand old war-horse Gerry Gomez when he decides the time has come to hang up his boots. Need I say that we hope it will not be soon.

There was, too, the most successful debut of 17-year-old Garfield Sobers, who has the distinction of being the youngest player ever to take a wicket in Test cricket. Here is material for the future and if the West Indies can find one or two more like him they should not slip from the high pedestal upon which their past-war performances have put them.

—(London Express Service)

HOME RUGGER RESULTS

Rugby Union results today:
Aberavon 11, Devonport Services 3;
Bridgend 27, Halifax 6;
Bristol 6, Cheltenham 0;
Cardiff 14, Northampton 0;
Cwmbran 24, Rugby 0;
Exeter 6, Leicester 12;
Lynllyn 3, Gloucester 12;
Newport 14, Barbarians 3;
Pontypool 21, London Welsh 10;
Saint Ives 11, Civil Service 3;
Shrewsbury 10, Walsley 0;
Huddersfield 0, Ballymena 13;
Hayle 0, Saint Mary's Hospital 6.—Reuter.

HOME SOCCER

London, Apr. 20.
Barrow beat Accrington Stanley 4-3 in a League Three Northern football match today.—Reuter.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES CHAMPIONS



Diane and Rosalind Rowe, the Middlesex twins, winners of the Women's Doubles at the World Table Tennis Championships at Wembley, with the Championship trophy and their 21st birthday cake. They were both 21 the day they won the trophy.—Central Press Photo.

The Home Rugby Season
In Retrospect

By PETER LOVEGROVE

I know a man who argues that since International and other top-class sport has become so bound up with questions of prestige and often causes so much bad blood, the cause of International amity and understanding would be enhanced if all such encounters or series of games resulted in a division of the honours.

That's as may be, but if there's something in his theory then the utmost harmony must reign in Rugby Union circles just now. For never in the history of the game have the major honours been shared in such a wholesale manner as in the 1953-54 season which is drawing to its close.

In the five-country International Championship, England, Wales and France have shared the first triple tie for 15 years. The Royal Navy, the Army and the RAF ended up all square in the Inter-Service "Tournament," and Oxford and Cambridge shared 12 points in the Inter-Varsity match. The touring New Zealanders did not quite conform to this general pattern, for they won three of their five International matches.

England had the satisfaction of winning her 11th Triple Crown by beating Wales, Ireland and Scotland, but there will be many to argue that had they not been crippled by injuries and dogged by bad luck in the vital Twickenham match Wales would have emerged clearly as the team of the year. They beat New Zealand in a memorable match and were the only side to account for France.

The absence of Jackie Kyle through injury robbed Ireland of any hopes of making her usual strong challenge, and her only victim was Scotland, who raised hopes of better times by their grand display against the All Blacks, but again went through the season without a single success. Their last victory, in fact, goes back to February 1951.

WELSH RECORD

Ken Jones, the popular and unassuming Newport right winger and Olympic sprinter, set up an individual Welsh record by gaining his 35th successive International cap (R.M. Owen also won 35 caps, but not in succession). Ken has played in every International since the war and also appeared in three Tests for the British Isles in New Zealand.

Very few of the men who were in top-class rugby in 1946 have managed to retain their places. Bleddyn Williams and Rees Stephens still figure in the Welsh XV with Ken Jones; Kyle and M.P. Lane have again won caps for Ireland this year; farmer W.D. Elliot has made a spectacular come-back in the Scottish pack; and the remarkable Jean Prat of France can lay claim to being the outstanding Rugby player of the five countries.

France, who beat New Zealand, Ireland and England in Paris and Scotland at Murrayfield, and only went down to Wales at Cardiff through some superb goal-kicking by Viv Evans, had her best side since the war and shared honours which have eluded her ever since she started playing International rugby in 1909. And

THE GAMBOLS

63 DOCTORS TO
MAKE BOXING AS
SAFE AS POSSIBLE

By GEORGE WHITING

Sixty-three London doctors have promised to bring trained brains and healing hands to the problems of sport during the next two years, every specialist among them, dedicated to the spare-time task of making boxing as safe as possible consistent with the spirit of youthful adventure—and at the same time knocking some of the stuffing out of Dr Edith Summerskill's clap-net about the perils of pugilism.

From May 1 none of the 1,500 or so young men in the 230 clubs affiliated to the London ABA will be permitted to box without producing his medical card, on which will be entered details of all injuries received.

But that is only the immediate part of this painstaking and pain-coping scheme. The real aim is a complete medical history of every youth who fights for fun. Boxing by the unit, it is determined, must become a thing of the past.

TWO YEARS' WORK

It will take those 63 doctors two years to complete the job. In that time they aim to put "patients" through an examination designed to reveal every possible flaw in physical, nervous and mental make-up.

By the end of 1956, no young Londoner will be permitted to expose himself to boxing punishment until the doctors have probed and drawn conclusions from his age, height, weight, chest measurements, family and personal history, heart, lungs, abdomen, eyes, ears, central nervous system and blood pressure.

Investigations into the effects of knockouts are already being made at three London centres—and Dr J. L. Blomstein, the Harley Street surgeon heading the probe-team—has been giving me some revealing figures thereon.

BRAIN WAVES

This season, 24 boxers suffering from head injuries have received encephalograph (brain wave) examination—(together with the same number of "un-knocked-out" controls. Only five of them showed the "wrong" kind of waves on the graph—and every abnormality was cleared up in two months.

"Nobody denies that boxing has its dangers," Dr Blomstein told me. "How can it be other-wise when, as in no other sport, the competitors are trying to inflict punishment? But at least we can try to make the amateur side of the sport as safe as possible."

—(London Express Service)

IRISH GRAND NATIONAL

Fairhouse, County Meath, Eire, Apr. 19.

Lord Blewett's six-year-old gelding, Royal Approach, carried topweight (168 pounds)—to a two-length victory in the Irish Grand National, run over 3½ miles here today.

Starting an even money favourite, Royal Approach, ridden by Pat Taffee, beat Sam Brown, a 7 to 1 chance, ridden by his own trainer, H. Freeman—Jackson, second favourite at 5 to 1, was three lengths further away third in a field of 11.—Reuter.

EMPIRE SOCCER CARNIVAL SUGGESTED

Adelaide, Apr. 18.

The Australian Soccer Council is to ask the English Football Association to arrange an Empire soccer carnival in 1955 with teams from Australia, England, New Zealand, South Africa and Canada competing.

In announcing this tonight Mr Sydney Storey, Chairman of the Australian Football Association, said such a carnival would be a forerunner to the 1964 Olympic Games.

Mr Storey also announced that a New Zealand team would visit Australia this year and that Australia would send a team to Hongkong in November or December.—Reuter.

West Bromwich
Beaten 6-1

By Aston Villa

London, Apr. 20.

West Bromwich Albion's 6-1 defeat by Aston Villa today, their heaviest defeat of the season, virtually ended their chances of winning the English Football League Championship.

Wolverhampton Wanderers though beaten 2-1 by Huddersfield, remained at the top with 55 points against 53. They each have one more game to play, Wolves being at home to Tottenham and West Bromwich away to Portsmouth.

At present Wolves have a superior goal average of 94 for and 56 against to Albion's 86 for and 60 against.—Reuter.

Athletes Leave
For Manila
On Tuesday

All preparations for sending Hongkong's representatives to the Asian Games have been completed, and the two athletes will leave for the Philippines early a Tuesday morning, announced Mr J. P. Blenkinsop, Amateur Athletic Association Executive Committee's extraordinary meeting held in the Education Department Building yesterday.

The two representatives of the Colony, Stephen Xavier, Hongkong's sprint champion, and Chan Wal-chuen, local shot put star, will leave on a C.P.A. plane at 8.30 a.m. on Tuesday.

It was also announced that Chu Ming, Hongkong's long jump champion, will not be representing the Colony. A letter from Chu, in answer to the Association's invitation for him to join the team, said that circumstances prevented his accepting the invitation.

Mr P. Donahue, Chairman of the Committee, after reading out a letter from the Inter-School Sports Committee, accepting Stephen Xavier's record of 21.9 seconds for the 200 metres race during the finals of the Inter-School Athletics on March 19, as an Inter-school record, proposed that the Committee accept the time. He was seconded by Mr Kwok Ling-kwong, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Mr F. J. Tingay informed the meeting that as he will be going on leave soon, he will not be able to carry on as Treasurer. Mr Kwok Ling-kwong was then elected Treasurer in his place.

Probables For The
City Suburban

London, Apr. 20.

The 10 probabilities, starters and jockeys for the City and Suburban Handicap, running over one mile and a quarter at Epsom tomorrow at 1415 GMT are:

Fillip (W. H. Carr), Promotion (A. Bressley), Orgoglio (K. Gohin), Sunny Bree (L. Pigott), Sailing Light (Sir Gordon Richards), Caerlaverock (F. Durr), Dumbarnie (E. Barlow), Ocean Sailing (E. Mercer), Prince Dor (D. Smith) and High Revel (D. Forte).—Reuter.



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"Rehabilitation Camp" For G.I. Minor Offenders

Munich, Apr. 20. Hundreds of American soldiers who have been convicted by courts martial are being restored to normal military service at a "rehabilitation centre" run by the United States Army in Europe, at Kaufbeuren, in the Allgaeu mountains near Munich.

The soldiers are learning a new respect for their obligations to society, a spokesman said.

They wear ordinary duty uniforms, live in the same type of quarters as other soldiers, and receive similar food rations.

Most of the men in the camp have been sentenced for offences such as absence without leave, misappropriation of army vehicles, disrespect to officers, insubordination, or excessive drinking.

Their average age is 21 years. "Most of these young men can be made good soldiers and returned to duty," Colonel C. J. Nelson, of Marion, Indiana, camp commanding officer said. "They are given the chance to make good here, but in the final analysis it is up to the man."

Rehabilitation is attempted in a three-stage programme, which emphasises military training. In the first stage, which does not exceed a week, men are interviewed and classified. They also receive a minimum of eleven hours "disciplinary training" in addition to hard manual labour.

The second stage, lasting five weeks, is entirely devoted to military training—for 48 hours a week.

The third stage, or "honour phase", combines military training and manual work for 48 hours a week, until the men are released through clemency or have served the whole of their sentence.

Prisoners whose progress is unsatisfactory are returned to a lower rung of the rehabilitation ladder.

Throughout the course, they are advised on personal problems by army Chaplains, Company Commanders, and Red Cross workers. "Character guidance" lectures are held.

Brigadier-General J. P. Holland, of North Lakeshore Drive, Chicago, Illinois, who, as Provost Marshal of the United States Army in Europe, is responsible for the centre, described it as "a tough retraining programme."

"For a man to move from phase to phase and be recommended for clemency he must prove beyond doubt that he is physically and mentally prepared and determined to conduct himself as a good citizen and soldier," he explained.

"I should like to emphasise that there is nothing in this programme, nor in the centre, remotely resembling some of the widespread misconceptions of life in an army confinement facility."

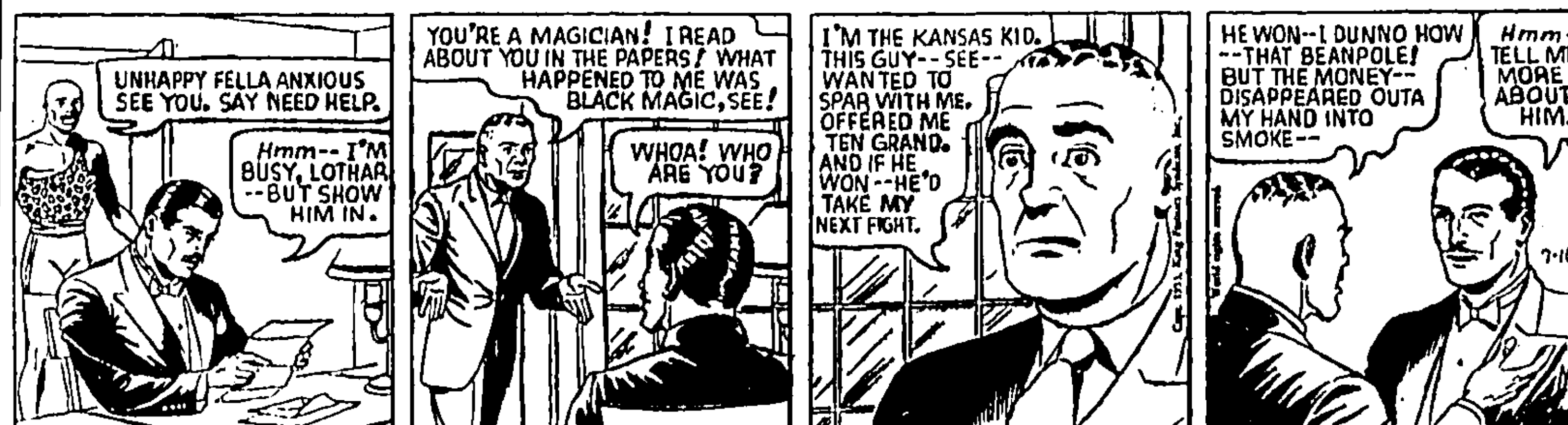
"Men are sent to the rehabilitation centre as punishment for some breach of the law, but they are not sent there for punishment."

More than 80 per cent of the men sent to the centre, opened in 1951, return to normal duty.

The centre is operated under the staff guidance of the Military Police Corps and has become a model. Similar centres have been started elsewhere in the army—China Mail Special.

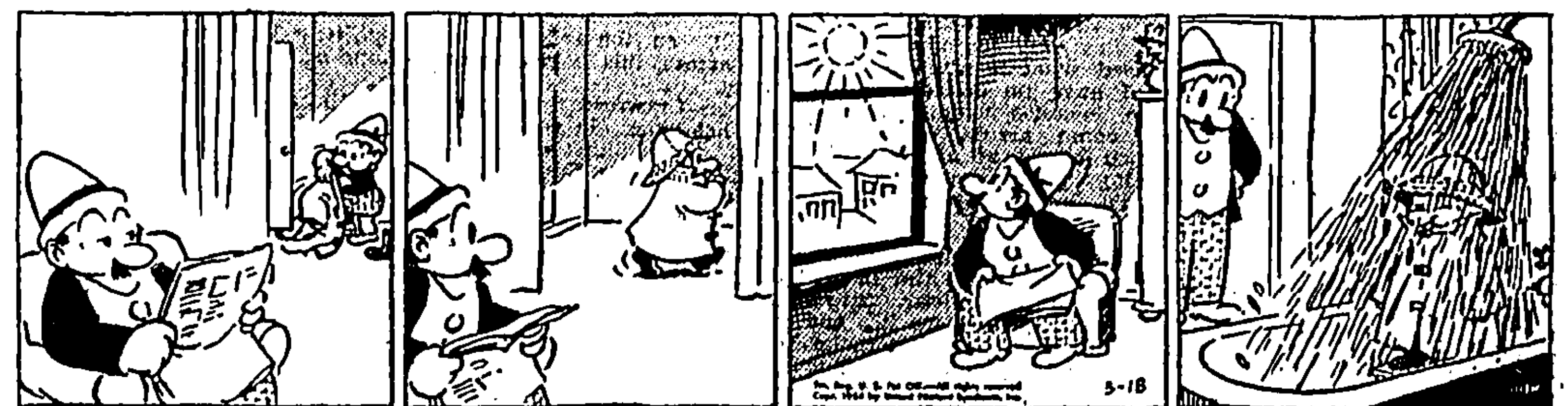
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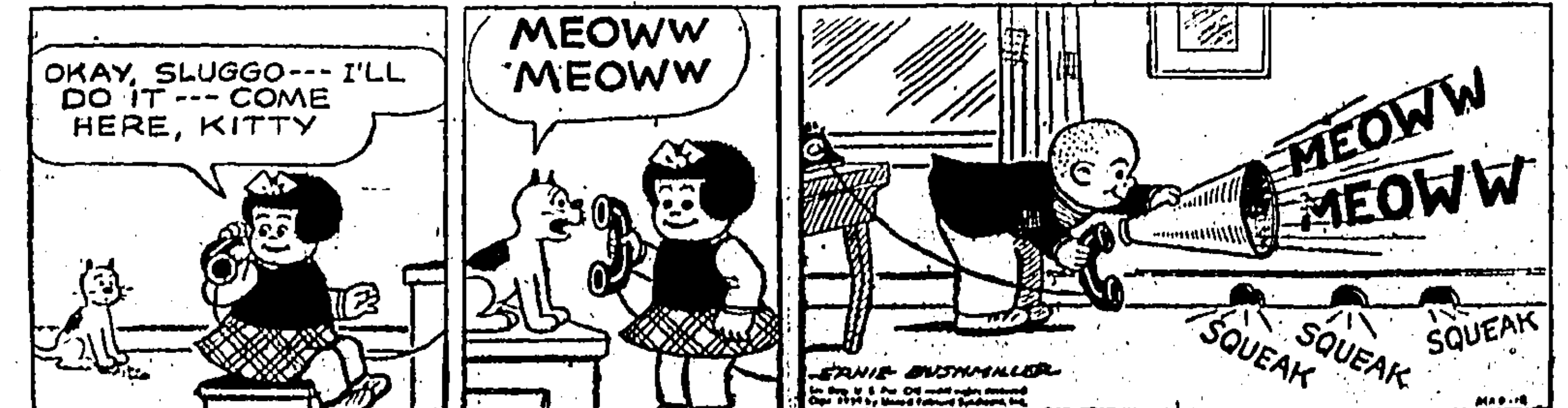
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GENERAL HOLIDAY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21 By Air

Formosa, Japan, Canada, 2 p.m.
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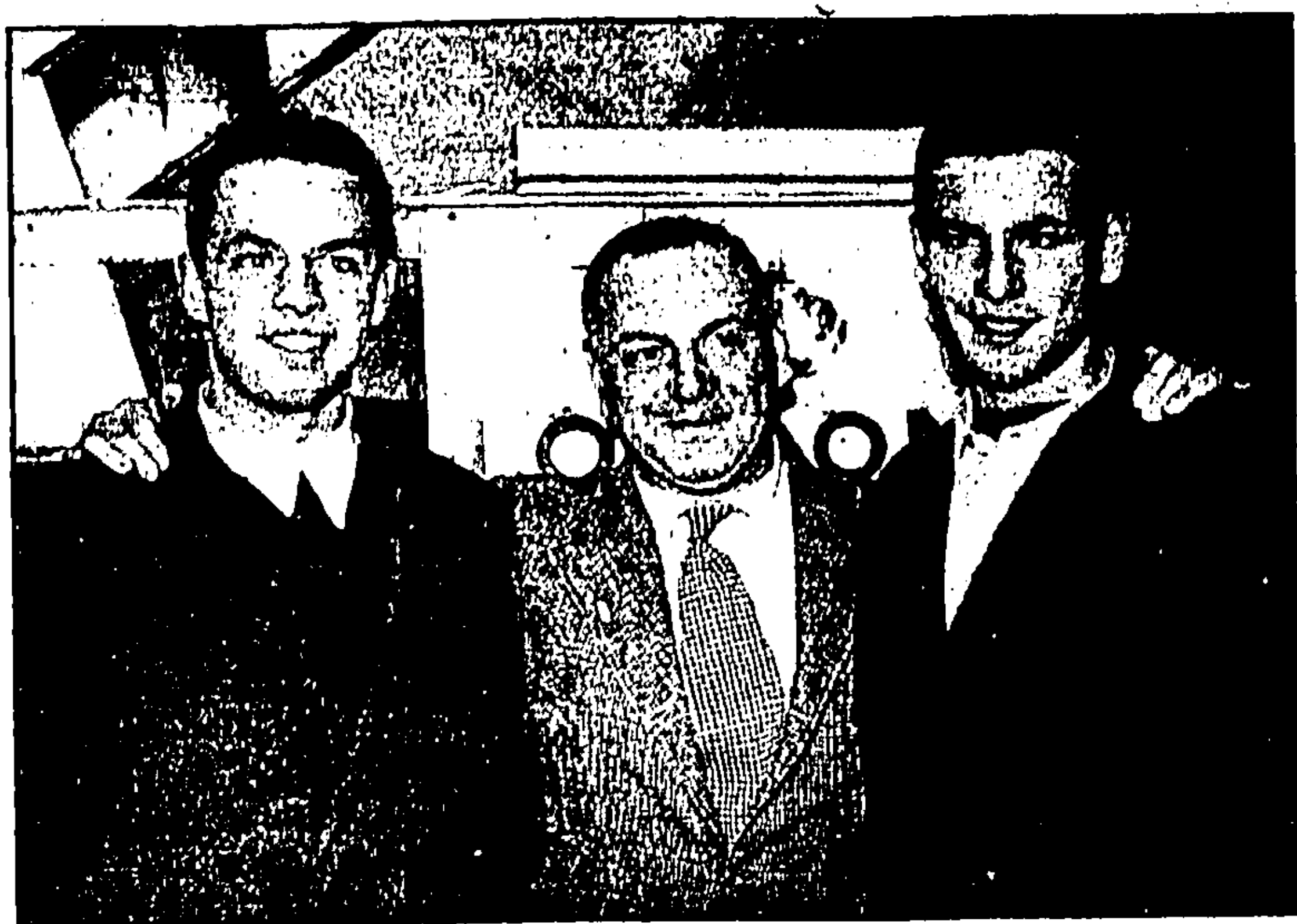
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Africa, 2 p.m.
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Macao, 6 p.m.

Woman MP Goes Into Hospital

Glasgow, Apr. 20. Mrs Barbara Cunnis, 42-year-old Berranite Labour Member of Parliament, was flown by air ambulance to a Glasgow hospital last night with an abscess in the mouth.

She had been spending the holiday week-end with Mrs Naomi Mitchell, the widow of the late Sir James Mitchell, at her home near Glasgow.

Reunited With His Sons After Seven Years



Mr. Valeriu Georgescu, 50-year-old naturalised American who claimed that his two sons had been held in Rumania to force him to spy for the Communists, is pictured with the boys, Constantin (left), 20, and Peter, 14 (right)—at London Airport last week. Father and sons had just arrived from Rumania after their release by the Rumanian authorities and were met by Mr. Georgescu, whom they had not seen for seven and a half years—when they reached Vienna by train.

The boys had been given no passports but only a 'one-way document' from the Rumanian Government valid for their journey to the United States.—Reutersphoto.

Fierce Controversy Rages Over Frozen Corpse Of An "Inca Prince"

Santiago de Chile, Apr. 19.

The frozen corpse of the Inca Prince—at first proclaimed a Princess—discovered high up in the Andes mountains, has become the centre of a fierce controversy here.

Certain Chilean experts are by no means convinced of its authenticity and have not failed to say so. The arguments put forward by either side are being followed with great interest by the public.

The corpse, frozen in a squatting position and said to be at least 100 years old, was proclaimed here as the second best preserved—the first is that of the Tollund man—so far discovered by archaeologists.

It was actually discovered by three prospectors in an ice cave some 5,000 feet above sea level, 17,500 feet up the Cerro del Plomo, in the Andes, some 25 miles in a straight line from Santiago, the old city of the Incas.

At present it is in a box packed with calcium chloride

at the National History Museum here, where it is being examined by a panel of doctors.

The controversy started when the Director of the pre-history section of the National Historical Museum, Leopoldo Pizarro, in an article about Indian civilisations in Chile, pointing to the fact that the clothing on the corpse does not all belong to the same period, declared that the "discovered" mummy was "no more than a shrewdly contrived hoax."

It reached a wider public when one of Chile's best-known newspapermen and writers, Joaquín Edwards Bello, in two articles in "La Nación", warned his readers that this might be a repetition of the famous case of the mummies, funeral scarabs and other "Egyptian" ornaments found in tombs of the Pharaohs, but made in Germany.

He reminded his readers, too, that "Cuentepec" was drowned in a ditch and the bones with his remains, found in a church in a Mexican village, was a crude forgery.

These allegations were answered by three scientific authorities, the three responsible for the purchase of the body: the Director of the Santiago Museum of Natural History, Humberto Fuenzalida; the head of the Archaeological Section of the Museum, Dr. Greta Mostny; and the chief of the Anthropological Centre at the University of Chile, Dr. Richard Schaedel.

At a press conference, these three declared emphatically: "There is no possible doubt about the authenticity of the find."

They admitted, however, that though the jewels adorning the body and the way the hair was dressed, belonged to an era before the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus, the moccasins appear to belong to a later period.

To these arguments, the "doubters" replied with the question: "How could so young a child, without proper clothing to protect him against the cold at that great altitude, be found there?"

Dr. Fuenzalida added: "There is no doubt that this find is of great archaeological value. It is equivalent to our suddenly

finding a frozen Roman citizen in the normal clothing of ancient Rome."

The last word will come from the laboratory.

Experts are busy with X-rays, bacteriological, histological, serological and microscopic examinations of the body. They are also ascertaining its carbon-13 content.

Their preliminary reports indicate that the body is that of a child who has been dead for several hundred years. Mummification processes, only started after the corpse was moved from its frozen sepulchre in the mountains and brought to this modern city.

Wanted £230

The finders were three prospectors fired by the "gold fever". Guillermo Chacon, Rios Barreto and Jaime Rios Abanca. Their trip to the top of Cerro del Plomo, among the eternal snows, where the summer peak temperature never rises above three degrees (Centigrade) of frost, was to look for "the Treasure of the Incas" and the famous "Pizarro" mine which figure in the history and legends of the Central Andean area of Chile. The three had first visited the peak in 1931.

They began the ascent on January 27, and on February 1, began digging in a place popularly known as "the walls of the Incas" because of strange ruins consisting of a well defined square building of stone, now a little over three feet high by twelve feet long with the interior filled with earth. Then they found the body.

It was buried almost on the surface. Beside the body, was a silver "huemul" (a species of deer of the Andean heights, now extremely rare), a gold and silver alloy llama, a silver doll, representing an Indian girl, and two bags, one containing ground coca leaves and a tooth, and the other containing remains of seeds.

The prospectors immediately returned to Puento Alto, a city about 12½ miles from Santiago, where they decided to reveal their find and set a price on it.

Dr. Richard Schaedel was told immediately and made an offer on behalf of the National History Museum. The discoverers wanted 80,000 pesos (about £230). Finally, the sum of 45,000 pesos (about £130) was agreed upon.

The corpse was immediately transferred to Santiago and became the Museum's property. —China Mail Special.

Europe Still Clings To The E.P.U.

By Sydney Campell, Reuter's Financial Editor
London, Apr. 20.

If, as is probable, the European Payments Union limps along for another year, the reasons will be only that nobody chooses to take the responsibility of killing it when its present term expires on June 30 and that Britain, Germany and the other countries concerned, though all sworn to have no truck with closed anti-dollar trading systems, want to keep the EPU as a possible nucleus for one.

So far the American recession which was supposed to be going to ruin the non-dollar countries has done them more good than harm. But the British Chancellor is not alone in fearing that it may have worse effects on Britain and other countries in the second half of this year. If it does, the EPU may come in handy.

The Finance Ministers of the OEEC countries are due to meet in Paris on May 5 to sign a continuance of the EPU for one year from June 30. The meeting has been postponed once, and cannot easily be postponed again. The Ministers cannot meet until everything has been agreed for them to rubber-stamp.

Disagreements seem far too wide to be resolved by May 5, or for that matter by May 5 next year. It would not be surprising if there were a repetition of 1950, when agreement on the creation of EPU was not reached until September, and then had to be made retrospective to July 1, the first clearing being for the three months July-September. Sometime during the summer, if not by May 5, something is likely to be hatched up.

From opposite ends, neither Germany nor Britain have much use for the EPU, and to France's troubles it has become irrelevant. For Germany it is now not much more than an instrument whereby she acquires poor debts yielding 2½ per cent at a time when she could find much better uses for the money at much higher interest rates.

For Britain the EPU is a standing reproach against the sterling area, and a reminder of the normal clothing of ancient Rome.

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

The Dangers Of Tokyo's Taxis

Tokyo, Apr. 20.
Tokyo traffic police told the public something they had suspected for a long time—44 per cent of the city's small taxi-cabs were unsafe.

Surprise tests revealed conditions which shocked even Tokyo's hardened traffic police.

One vehicle was given a braking test. Its rear axle snapped when the brakes were applied.—China Mail Special.

Prospects For US Steel Industry

New York, Apr. 20.
The next 60 days will probably go a long way towards shaping the course of the steel market in 1954, according to the US steel industry publication "Iron Age".

Depending on how things go during this crucial period, the balance for the entire year might be shifted up or down. The decline noted in the first quarter has been arrested, and in recent weeks producers have been able to work off much of their semi-finished stocks while holding the market steady.

A survey of the market by "Iron Age" this week again shows no significant improvement in business, and none in immediate prospect. But there are some signs that the steel market climate is improving:

- (1) Overall economic activity is leveling off, although on a lower plane than the peak reached in 1953.
- (2) Inventory corrections are slowly becoming less of a factor, although they will continue to be a potential influence for some time.
- (3) Labour negotiations in the next few months, with the obvious possibility of a strike, are expected to convert a lot of steel users to a buying mood. The union is aware of possible market stiffening, and is holding off final demands in the hope of strengthening its hand.

These positive factors make it a good bet that the next significant move in the steel market will be upward, asserts "Iron Age". But the revival will probably be moderate; no sharp improvement in demand can be expected on the basis of current prospects. Yet a sudden darkening of the labour picture could change all that.

A survey of individual steel consuming industries yields both positive and negative results, reports "Iron Age".

Luke-warm demand from the automobile industry has been a bitter disappointment to some. Although this industry is the most important customer for steel, its stimulating influence was probably over-rated early this year. There is little chance that car firms will be able to increase their buying power substantially.

The appliance business shows no clear trade. Air conditioning, radio and TV would probably exceed early estimates. Heavy equipment business is surprisingly good. Tinplate demand has improved, partly on the basis of strike hedge-buying.

Railroad demand is weak and coach builders' requirements are still slack. Demand for structural products continues good.

Scrap prices advanced this week for the fourth consecutive week, reports "Iron Age". Meanwhile, steelmaking operations are scheduled half a point lower at 67.5 per cent of rated capacity.

In a special report to management, "Iron Age" predicts that steel output through mid-1954 will be about 15-20 per cent below the 1953 average. For the rest of the metal-working industry, production will be down by from 10 to 15 per cent during the first six months of this year compared with peak levels in 1953.

The publication also believes that the present mild business recession can be expected to continue for several months; but that it will not lead to an economic depression. "Watch for a significant pickup," it says, "early in September," and includes "Iron Age"—China Mail Special.

Special Emphasis On Synthetic Rubber Production

Washington, Apr. 20.

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation, operator of the United States Government's synthetic rubber facilities, has announced that a total of \$4,160,000 is being set aside for research and development of synthetic rubber in the next fiscal year, beginning on July 1, 1954.

This amount was \$1,071,000 less than the total set aside for synthetic rubber research in the present year ending on June 30, 1954, it was stated.

The acting Administrator of the Corporation, Mr. Laurence Robbins, outlining next year's programme, said emphasis would be given to "improving the quality of synthetic rubber for more extensive use in large size tyres" and on helping to develop "better synthetic rubber for special purposes" such as defence requirements.

The research programme was a continuation of work that had been carried on in the past, as authorised by Congress, and would be done in eight of the currently operating synthetic rubber laboratories, at the Government laboratories at Akron, Ohio, by a tyre testing contractor in San Antonio, Texas, and by eleven other contractors including universities and research institutions.

The general objectives of the programme, Mr. Robbins added, were to make synthetic rubber "better and cheaper and to produce it more efficiently."

Discussing some of the achievements accomplished in the research programme to date, Mr. Robbins also disclosed that the Corporation was adhering closely to the new national policy, revealed by President Eisenhower in a statement of United States stockpile procurement policies on March 26.

This stockpile policy would favour procurement of domestic materials wherever possible at the expense of foreign materials. "Until recently, one of the essential chemicals required for the manufacture of hot rubber was derived from imported coconut oil," Mr. Robbins said in his announcement.

A similar chemical derived from domestic petroleum sources has recently been commercially produced and has proven to be fully equivalent. The domestic material will henceforth be utilized.

"This development thus relieves the strategic strain inherent in foreign materials sources in times of emergency. The new material also has the additional advantage of being considerably cheaper. The former material was known as TDM, while the new domestic material is known as TDM."

"Hot rubber produced with a nitrazole catalyst has shown advantages for rubbers which must be used at very low temperatures such as 40 to 80 degrees below zero. While this type may not come into general use, it shows promise for special applications for rubbers parts required for military service in arctic regions."

Mr. Robbins said a careful comparison had been made between natural and synthetic rubber in both passenger car and lorry tyres. These tests reveal that synthetic rubber tyres with cold rubber in the tread outperform tyres made of all natural rubber," he said.

The use of oil extended rubber developed about two years ago further improves tread wear in passenger car tyres.

"These studies also show that large truck tyres containing up to 30 per cent synthetic rubber approach tyres made of all natural rubber in performance on road tests. If the synthetic rubber content of large truck tyres is increased beyond 30 per cent, carcass durability is adversely affected."

"The addition of a small percentage of a special synthetic resin added to synthetic rubber by blending it into the latex results in a rubber which may become satisfactory for large truck tyres. The resin helps the rubber to maintain adequate strength under heavy loads. Additional pilot plant work will be required further to prove the practicability of this combination."

"Synthetic latex for use in the rapidly expanding foam sponge market has been produced with many improved properties such as viscosity, colour and odour. A catalyst catalyst made of 85 per cent formaldehyde sulfoxylate has been used to obtain this advance."

"So-called alpha polymerisation is conducted without the use of a catalyst composed of bromine and sodium compounds and is unique in that it permits the production of a highly viscous rubber which is extremely soluble in gasoline and natural rubber. Natural rubber and this material have been mixed with equal parts of extender oil and yet maintain physical properties substantially equivalent."

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They Find Cures For Workers' Fatigue

New York, Apr. 20.

United States industry, with its resources of medical research and engineering "know-how," is finding on-the-job cures for that "too-tired" feeling which sometimes comes at the end of a day's work.

The effect of fatigue on employees is being studied by E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company's Haskell Laboratory for Toxicology and Industrial Medicine at Newark, Delaware.

The work of the laboratory is concerned with a broad study of man in his work environment. The scientists are investigating such subjects as the causes and effects on fatigue, the basic factors which make clothing comfortable, and methods for the early determination of abnormal heart conditions, as well as investigation of the toxic effects of chemicals made or used by the company.

Dr. Lucien Brouha, a physiologist at the laboratory, said that it was possible for physiologists, without cumbersome equipment, to evaluate and classify many industrial jobs according to "fatigue potential."

That is what happens when a factor, physiologist with stopwatch, tries to ferret out fatigue and its causes on a particular job.

Immediately following a work period, they record the pulse rate of workers at rest three times at one-minute intervals. Thus, they determine pulse increases caused by exertion and the rates at which the pulse returns towards "resting levels". Body temperatures are also measured during the same four-minute rest period.

This procedure is repeated throughout the working shift. If the average rise in pulse and temperature is found to be progressive or if the recovery to the "resting level" is too slow at any time during the shift, the physiologists know that something about job activity or working conditions is causing employees to draw heavily on physical reserves.

On some jobs, Dr. Brouha said, fatigue had been reduced by lowering heat and humidity, by increasing ventilation and by applying a schedule of rest periods adequately spaced and of sufficient duration.

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LONG WAIT FOR NEW QUEEN'S HALL LIKELY

It may be seven to 10 years before the rebuilding of London's Queen's Hall is begun, according to recent cables.

It was destroyed by bombing in 1941. The Post Office is negotiating for use of the cleared site as a park for its vans for this period.

Published at the prospect of such delay, Mrs. Sylvia East, secretary of the Henry Wood Memorial Trust, has written to the Treasury on behalf of Lord Horder, the chairman, asking about plans for the future. No reply has yet been received.

It was announced in February, 1952, that the trustees had agreed with the Government that the £70,000 in the fund should be contributed towards providing a Henry Wood Hall in the new Queen's Hall. It would be suitable for orchestral and choral rehearsals.

This followed a Government decision, announced by Mr. Gaiskill, then Chancellor of the Exchequer, to build a new and bigger Queen's Hall with seats for 3,100 and room for 1,000 more under promenade conditions. The smaller hall would seat about 1,100.

News that the site may be used as a Post Office car park has dismayed many of the thousands who subscribed to the Henry Wood fund. Many have the mistaken impression that the arrangement would be permanent.

The sum of £8,000, the total proceeds of a concert promoted to mark Sir Henry Wood's 75th birthday and the 50th anniversary of the Promenade Concerts, was among the first contributions to the fund.

A Treasury official said last week that any arrangement with the Post Office would be a temporary one. It would not prejudice rebuilding "when the circumstances are ripe." Work on the hall had to be fitted in to the priorities scheme.

MRS CHIDLEY'S LINE IS CANVASSING —But she prefers to be called a 'plonker'

A LONG with John McAdam, the Earls of Sandwich and Cardigan, and Captain Boycott, Charles Macintosh belongs to the select company whose names have entered the currency of everyday language.



Ironing in the Dunlop factory is Mrs. Margaret Kinn, 18, of Tottenham. Her hobbies are skating and dancing.

by
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William Lemkin is the man who planned demobilisation clothing.

The dictionaries have put a K in mackintosh, but the man in the street has dropped the last two syllables, and uses the homely name of "mac" for the garment which immortalises the inventor of rubberised fabrics.

He was a Glasgow man, born in 1766, and he opened a factory in Manchester. That factory is today part of the great Dunlop organisation, which explains the presence of a treasured possession in the Edmononton factory of Dunlop Clothing and Weatherproofs Ltd.

Hermetically sealed in glass, it is kept in the office of Mr J. D. Donaldson, the general manager. It is a piece of the original double-texture cloth, which Macintosh waterproofed over 120 years ago with a coating of rubber solution and naphthol between the two layers.

On July 13, 1830, he wrote a letter, still clearly legible, on this sample recommending its use. "I am doing engravings covering portfolio purposes, and for binding books instead of leather or vellum."

It is a far cry from that old letter to the stream of waterproofs, showerproof raincoats made from impregnated cloth, sports jackets and trousers, and two-piece suits, which pour from the conveyor belts of the Edmononton factory.

There are, in reality, three factories in the company's two

buildings, for the processes are very different. In the older building is the raincoat factory. The coats are cut out by hand-knife, an endlessly moving, razor-sharp blade, that cuts its way through 35 thicknesses of wool cloth as smoothly as you or I would slit open an envelope with a sharp knife.

Skilled work this, as you would realise if you watched Mr Ronald Duncan, of Enfield, deftly manoeuvring the cloth so that the blade slides precisely along the faintly chalked lines.

JOURNEY

When Mr Duncan has finished his cutting, and the pieces have been separated into the parts for individual coats, each garment starts its journey along the slowly moving conveyor belt. Forty-two pieces, counting lining and interlining, for a raglan-sleeved showerproofed wool raincoat.

One square of the conveyor belt, carrying the pieces for one coat, may take from six to eight minutes to pass each girl.

In the clothing factory, where jackets and trousers are made, you will see a plonking machine at work. Its purpose is to attach the canvas to the jacket fronts. Mrs Joyce Chidley, who operates it, appears on the company records as a "canvasser". Her job has nothing to do with politics. Mrs Chidley says: "I always call myself a plonker."

The jackets cannot be cut out by hand-knife for, if there is a check in the pattern, the cloth must be cut in such a way that the checks match up, on seams, pockets, sleeves, when the coat is completed. So each jacket is cut singly with tailoring shears.

In another part of the factory operatives attach Dunlop's specially designed rubber insertion to the waistband of trousers, to prevent the shirt riding up, as well as elastic bands, to prevent the trousers falling down.

But it is in the waterproof factory that the spirit of Charles Macintosh lingers on. His process, perfected, is still carried on in the Manchester factory, and the rubberised cloth arrives at Edmononton where it is made into waterproofs under the watchful eye of the fabulous Mrs Amy Darbyshire.

55 YEARS

Mrs Darbyshire is the forewoman. She joined the company when she was 13. That was in 1899, so she is clocking up her 55th year of service.

Although her work is supervisory, she can still make coats with any of the younger workers. When Dunlop took an interest in three factories in Holland in 1948, it was Mrs Darbyshire who was sent to train the Dutch workers.

Light single-texture waterproofs, rubberised on one side, are made on the conveyor. But the heavier, double-texture waterproof garments are hand-made throughout, each one by a single operative. It took about 18 months to teach Gerald Norris, of Palmers Green, to do this work. Now, at 17, he is on the production floor, making about 25 coats a week, hoping to get up to 32, which is about as many as any man can make.

One of the trickiest jobs he has to do is to make the stripped seams. Wherever the coat is stitched, one thickness of the fabric must be removed, and a rubber channel formed over the stitches, to ensure that no drop of water can percolate through.

Nearly one quarter of the raincoats exported from the UK to North America come from this factory. Mr William Lemkin, director and general manager, will proudly tell you. He has reason to be proud. For he travels from coast to coast in Canada and the USA, where he is known not as the Dunlop man, but as the Macintosh man.

TRADITIONS

In that market, the traditions of the proud old Glasgow name combine with the reliability of the modern product to make an outstanding dollar earner.

At home, many millions of men who have never heard his name have been clothed by Mr Lemkin.

As director of clothing and textiles at the Ministry of Supply, he was responsible for clothing all the British Forces in all parts of the world from July 1942 to the end of the war. And it was Mr Lemkin who devised, planned and carried to success the vast civilian clothing



One way to find out if a waterproof is waterproof is to pour a bucket of water in it and leave it for a few days. Brenda Hammett (17), of Tottenham, has no doubt about this one.



Slowly, almost imperceptibly, never stopping, the conveyor belt takes the pieces for each garment between two rows of girls. Each plays her part in the assembly, will be paid a bonus for anything over the output target for the belt.



Her official title is canvasser. "But I call myself a plonker," says 24-year-old Mrs. Joyce Chidley, of Tottenham. Her plonking machine attaches canvas to the jacket fronts.

operation when the Forces were demobilised. He remembered the end of the 1914 war when he, along with other ex-servicemen, was given an ill-fitting blue serge suit, white collar to wear with old khaki shirt, and cloth cap.

Determined that the servicemen of 1945 should be given a better start in civilian life, Mr Lemkin drew up the plan for self-service depots, where each man could select for himself a complete new outfit.

Each outfit cost the nation between £8 and £9. Mr Lemkin estimates that the same clothes would have cost about £20 in the shops—if the shops had had them. His plan to supply the complete outfit, instead of making a financial guess, as many people wanted, saved the taxpayer about £60 million.

At Edmononton, as elsewhere in the clothing industry, one of the chief difficulties today is shortage of labour. The Dunlop organisation tackle the problem in two ways.

They have installed every modern production technique, with incentives to productivity, such as a bonus for everything above the output target. They are also energetically looking for new workers.

The latest innovation is a training centre in the factory, where girls of 15, straight from school, are taught to use the machines.

Operatives who go to night school have their fees refunded by the company and receive a cash award when they pass their examinations.

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

The Big Killing

LIKE rich men rolling up in a limousine to make their kill at the tables in some palm-fringed casino, Alfred and Joe arrived in state in an ancient car outside the pin-table saloon.

They had much the same purpose in mind as those who visit casinos. A notion that it would be pleasant to put the place out of business by breaking the bank. As money cannot be won at pin-table saloons, Alfred and Joe meant to achieve their end by robbery.

The couple parked their car and sauntered into the saloon.

103 THREEPENNY-BITS

ALFRED and Joe selected a machine that cost 3d. to play. They changed a half-crown into the right coin.

Then, while Alfred leaned over the game to mask his friend's actions, Joe neatly opened the drawer where the machine kept its earnings, and helped himself to what was inside — 103 threepenny-bits and one aluminium disc used for testing the machine.

The job done, Joe shut the drawer again, and the pair sauntered off.

But the robbery had been seen. A policeman was called and Alfred and Joe were stopped. They were asked to turn out their pockets, and 25s. 9d. in threepenny-bits came to light. So did the test-disc.

FOR AMUSEMENT ONLY

AT Bow Street next morning, Alfred and Joe both pleaded not guilty to stealing the money, and when he had heard the story, Mr Bertram Reece, the magistrate, invited the youths to give him their version.

Alfred from the dock said: "It was raining, and we just went into the arcade for shelter and played a few games for amusement like. Then a stranger came up and he played the machine we was at."

He paused, and added, as if to clinch the matter: "If you want to know, there was an Indian and his girl friend standing there all the time."

Mr Reece peered over his glasses, as if trying to follow the reasoning, waiting for some clue or key word.

JOE'S PAST...

BUT Alfred subsided into silence, and Joe would add nothing. The case was found proved.

A policeman brought out a file with Joe's name on the cover. "There are two findings of guilt against this man," he said, "and three convictions." He began to read details.

Among other things, Alfred had been gaoled nine months for a dozen cases of stealing money from automatic machines. "He's a married man, sir," the officer said, "and works on his own account as a dealer, he

says." He turned to deal with Alfred.

"He is married also," the officer said, "and has a child aged 16 months. He has quite a good work record as a painter, but he gave up his last job, which paid £8 week, last December. Since then, he tells me, he has been selling logs on his own account."

...AND ALFRED'S FUTURE

"IT'S quite clear," said Mr Reece to Joe, "that you are a pest of these arcades. Go to prison for six months." He turned to Alfred. "Your case is somewhat different," he said. "Pay £10 fine."

The two young husbands left, glum-faced as gamblers whose infallible systems have failed. The one would have time to ponder where things had gone wrong.

Upon the other, the present pressed hard. The problem of finding 800 threepenny-bits to pay for such temporary partnership of 103, and still have enough left for food and rent for his family, at a time of year when the bottom must just about have fallen out of the log-selling business.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Signal: 1.15. News, Weather Report and Special Announcements: 1.30. Hongkong Concert Orchestra, Farewell Concert to Members of the Orchestra from H.M.S. "Newcastle". Conductor: Victor Ardy. Leader: H. De Medeiros. Introduced by Diana Harris. (Recorded at the China West Club on Sunday Night 18th April); 2.15. Variety Fantasia—from the North of England (BBCRS); 2.45. Songs of the South: 2.15. Jazz Club—with Humphrey Lyttelton and his band (BBCRS); 3.45. First Piano Quartet plays Germaine & "Solantho" (Gilbert and Sullivan) sung by the Principals and Chorus of the Royal Opera Company with Orchestra cond. by Isidore Godfrey; 5.30. Music for you; 6. Time Signal and Programme Summary; 6.30. Lucky Dip—Variety Requests presented by Margherita (Studio); 7.15. Music for Romance; 7.45. Letter from America by Alastair Cooke. (Recorded London Relay); 8.15. News Talk (London Relay); 8.30. Special Announcements; 8.45. A Special Programme for the Queen's Birthday played by the Band of the Hongkong Police cond. by Mr W. B. Foster, A.R.C.M. (Recorded); 8.45. Recital by Simon Molinar (Solo) with Mrs. R. R. (Piano) (Concert Hall); 9. Time Signal and Programme Summary; 9.15. "Midnight Deed" (The Play for Radio by Janet McNeill). Produced by Joan Gibson; 10.15. Garland for the Queen; 10.30. The Golden dedicated by Gracious Permission to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. and sung by the Golden Singers. The Cambridge Madrigal Society (BBCRS); 10.30. One Night Stand. Percy Faith and his Orchestra; 10.30. Weather Report; 11. Time Signal. Radio News Reel (London Relay); 11.15. Goodnight Music; 11.30. Close Down.

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"It's time to teach this young lady to stop screaming in the middle of the night! How do we start?"

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JOIN COMMONWEALTH PRESS UNION

Six Hongkong newspapers have been admitted to membership of the Commonwealth Press Union according to information received yesterday from London.

The papers are the South China Morning Post, China Mail, and South China Sunday Post-Herald (the group of South China Morning Post, Limited, publications), the Hongkong "Tiger" Standard, and the Wah Kiu Yat Po and Wah Kiu Man Po, the two

last-named being owned and published by the Overseas Chinese Daily News Ltd.

The objects of the Commonwealth Press Union, whose headquarters are in London, are: To promote the welfare of the Newspaper Press of the Commonwealth and of those concerned with the dissemination of news and information in newspapers and other periodicals, and to give effect to the opinion of members of the

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